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KAZUE KATO



RETURN EXORCISTS



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CAST OF CHARACTERS



RIN OKUMURA

Born of a human mother and Satan, the God of Demons, Rin Okumura has powers he can barely control. After Satan kills Father Fujimoto, Rin's foster father, Rin decides to become an Exorcist so he can someday defeat Satan. Now a first-year student at True Cross Academy and an Exwire at the Exorcism Cram School, he hopes to someday become a Knight. When Yukio broke his Koma Sword, the power of Satan swallowed him, but Shiemi called him back to himself. He has traveled to the past to learn the circumstances surrounding his birth.



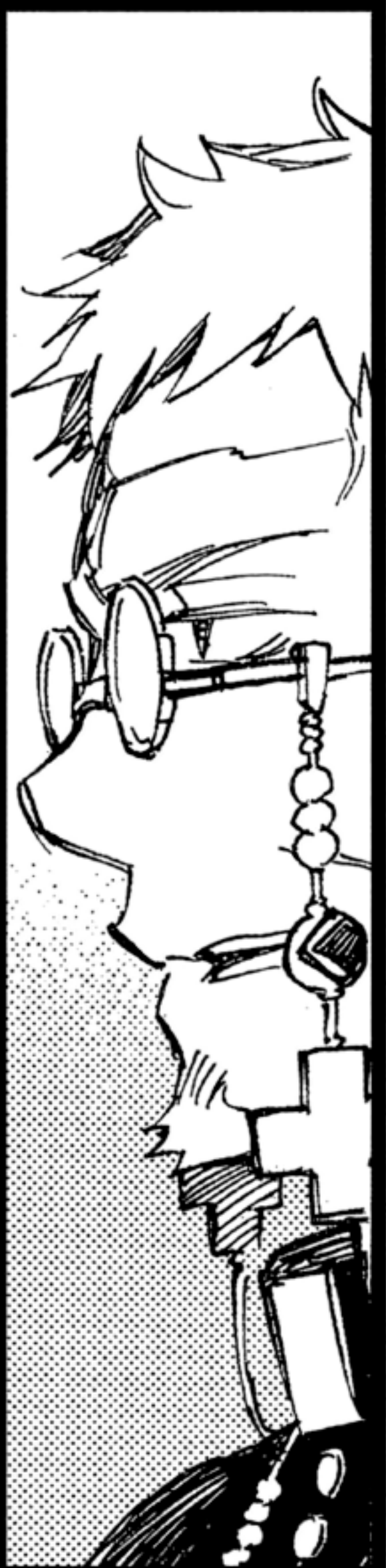
YUKIO OKUMURA

Rin's brother. Hoping to become a doctor, he's a genius who is the youngest student ever to become an instructor at the Exorcism Cram School. However, the flame of Satan lies in his left eye. He has begun to question the righteousness of the Knights of the True Cross and gone to meet the Illuminati.



MEPHISTO PHELES

President of True Cross Academy and head of the Exorcism Cram School. He was Father Fujimoto's friend, and now he is Rin and Yukio's guardian. The number two power in Gehenna and known as Samael, King of Time.



SHIRO FUJIMOTO

The man who raised Rin and Yukio. He was a clone of Azazel created in Section 13, but he made a deal with Mephisto to become a Senior Exorcist First Class.



YURI EGIN

Rin and Yukio's mother. She was an orphan, but after she met Shiro, Asylum took her in and she became an Exorcist.



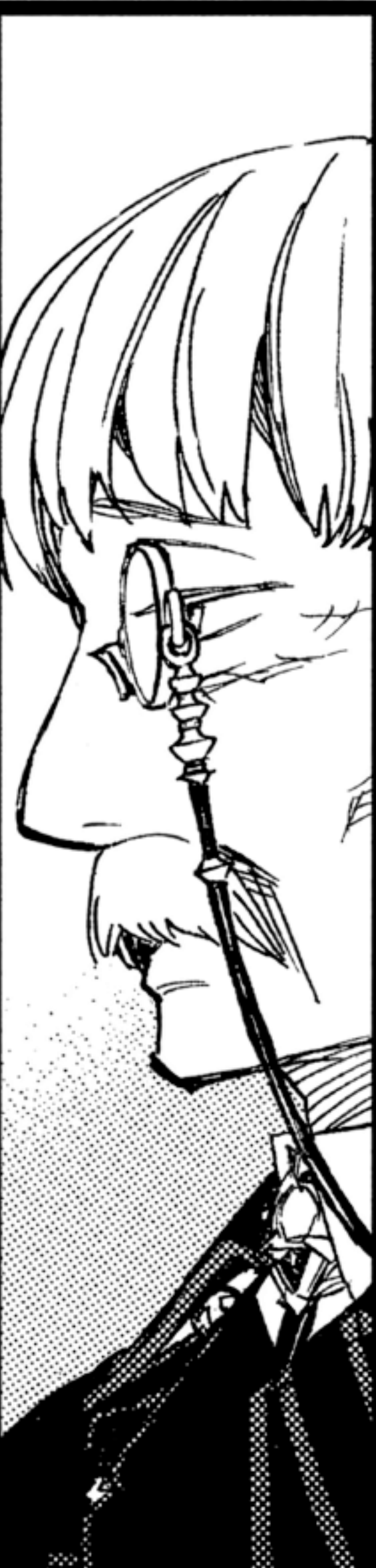
LUCY YANG

An Exorcist at the China Branch.



OSCEOLA REDARM

An Exorcist at the Mexico Branch.



DRAC DRAGULESCU

The director of the K.R.C. Laboratory doing research into cloning for Lucifer. At the time, he went by the name of Nicolae Eminescu.



SHEMIHAZA

A Grigori, one of the Order's highest-level advisors.



GRIGORI AGENCY

An organization at Vatican Headquarters that assists the Grigori.



RICHARD LINCOLN (RICK)

An Exorcist raised with Yuri at Asylum. He's a Junior Exorcist Second Class and a Tamer.



JENNY KAL

A girl raised at Asylum with Yuri. She becomes an Exwire and has taken a different path than Yuri and Rick.



GORO

A clone of Azazel created at Section 13 like Shiro. Satan possesses him.



LUCIFER

Known as the King of Light, he is the highest power in Gehenna. The body he possesses is deteriorating, so Section 13 is working to extend his life.



AMAIMON

Mephisto Pheles's younger brother. The seventh strongest ruler in Gehenna, who bears the title King of Earth.

❁ THE STORY SO FAR ❁

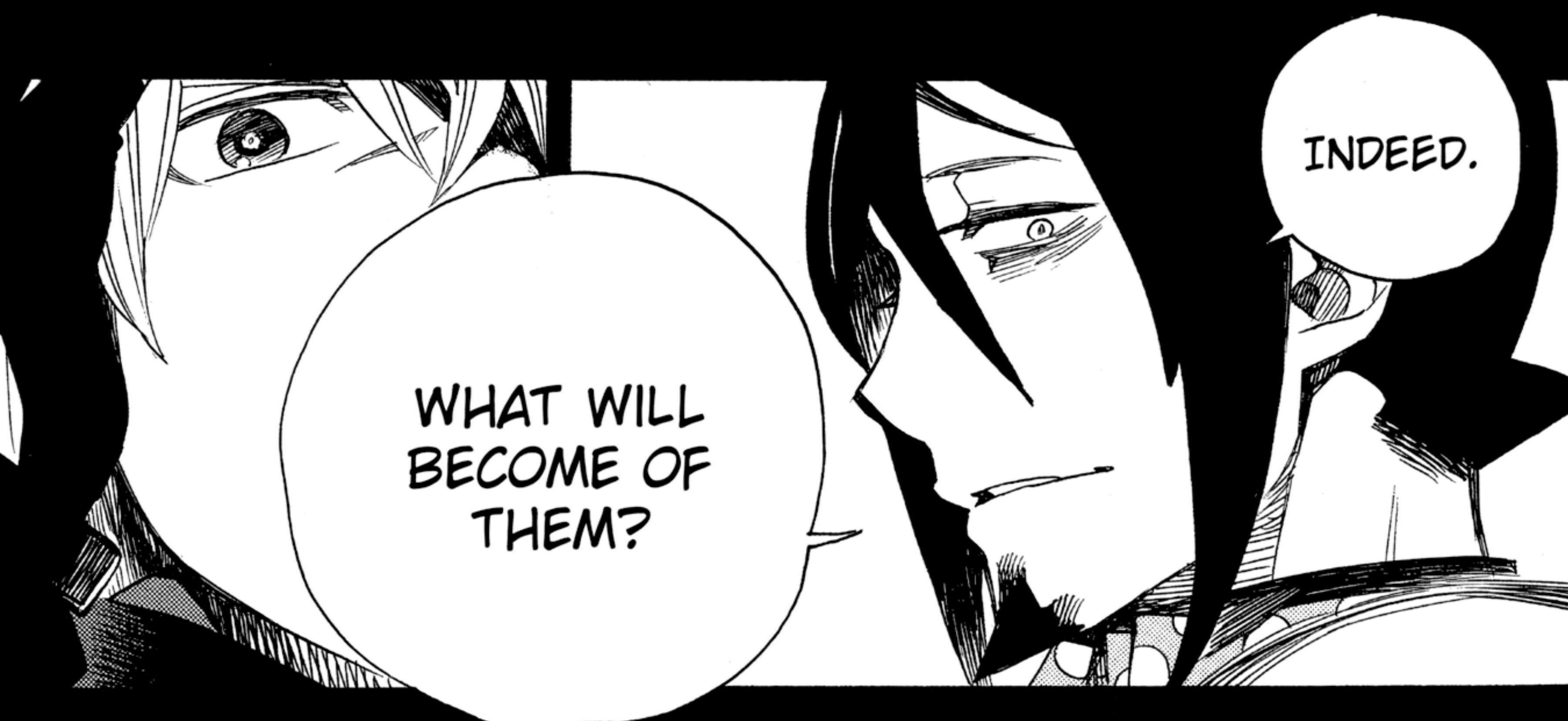
UNKNOWN TO RIN OKUMURA, BOTH HUMAN AND DEMON BLOOD RUNS IN HIS VEINS. IN AN ARGUMENT WITH HIS FOSTER FATHER, FATHER FUJIMOTO, RIN LEARNS THAT SATAN IS HIS TRUE FATHER. SATAN SUDDENLY APPEARS AND TRIES TO DRAG RIN DOWN TO GEHENNA BECAUSE RIN HAS INHERITED HIS POWER. FATHER FUJIMOTO FIGHTS TO DEFEND RIN, BUT DIES IN THE PROCESS. RIN DECIDES TO BECOME AN EXORCIST SO HE CAN SOMEDAY DEFEAT SATAN AND BEGINS STUDYING AT THE EXORCISM CRAM SCHOOL UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF HIS TWIN BROTHER YUKIO, WHO IS ALREADY AN EXORCIST.

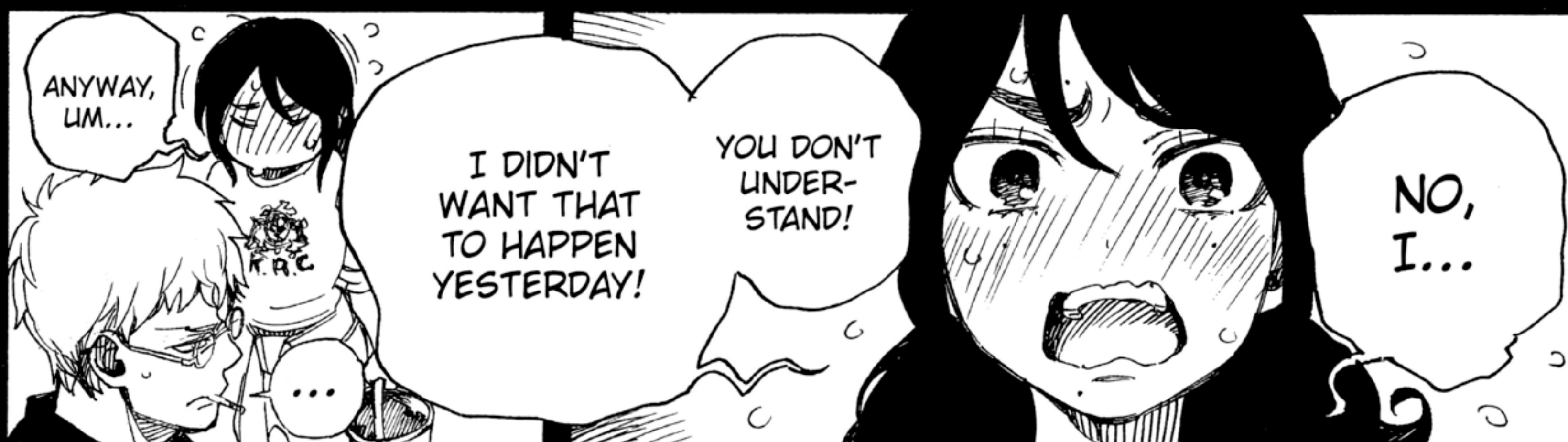
RIN AND THE OTHERS SUCCEED IN DEFEATING THE IMPURE KING, AWAKENED BY THE FORMER EXORCIST, TODO. MEANWHILE, YUKIO FIGHTS TODO, AND AS THE BATTLE RAGES, HE SENSES THE SAME FLAME IN HIS OWN EYES AS HIS BROTHER. AFRAID, HE KEEPS IT A SECRET.

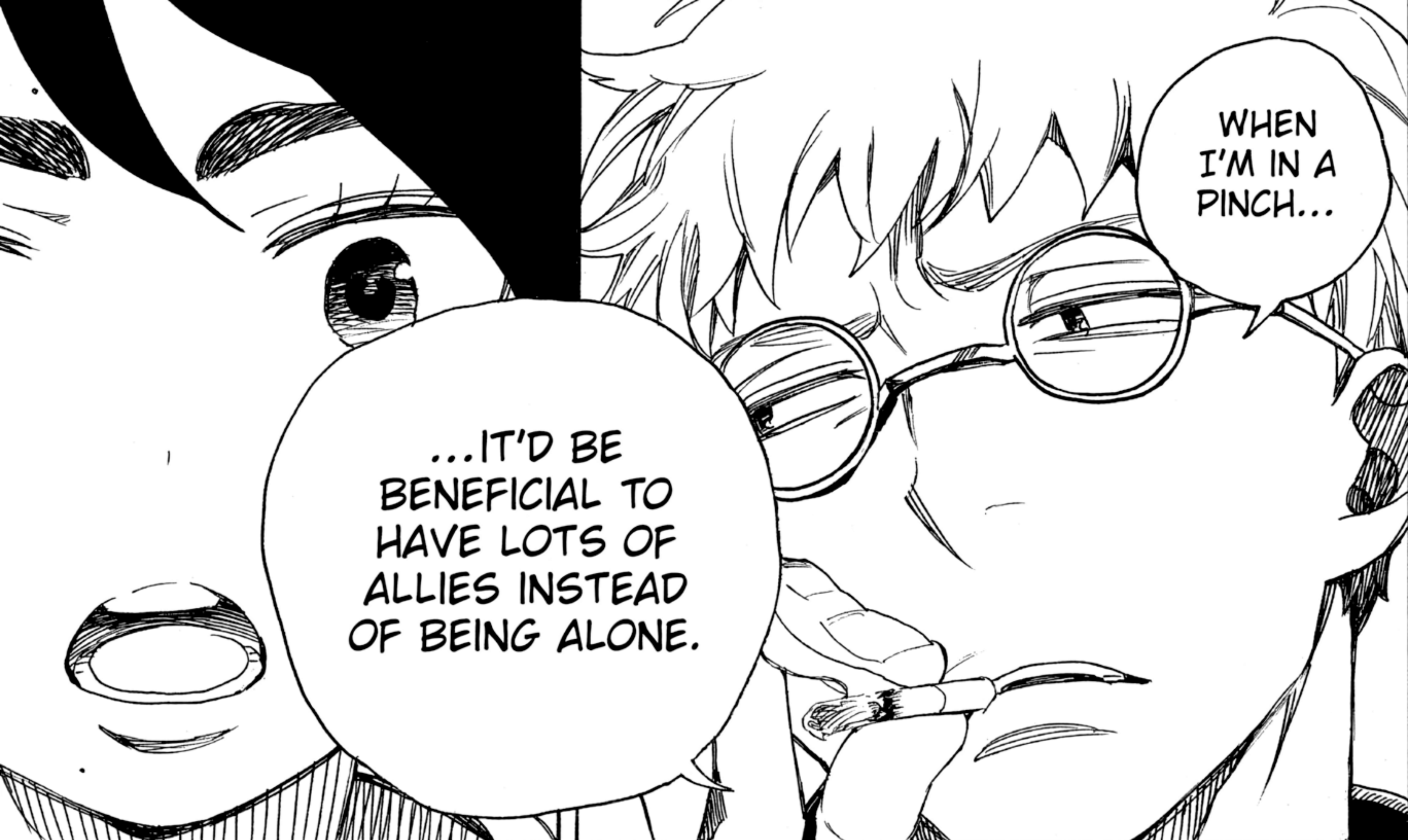
LATER, MYSTERIOUS EVENTS BEGIN OCCURRING AROUND THE GLOBE. A SECRET SOCIETY KNOWN AS THE ILLUMINATI IS ORCHESTRATING THEM. FINALLY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY RECOGNIZES THE EXISTENCE OF DEMONS.

IN ORDER TO LEARN ABOUT SATAN INHABITING HIS LEFT EYE AND THE SECRETS SURROUNDING HIS BIRTH, YUKIO TELLS RIN GOODBYE AND GOES TO JOIN THE ILLUMINATI. RIN REALIZES HE TOO MUST KNOW ABOUT HIS BIRTH IF HE EVER WANTS TO SEE YUKIO AGAIN, SO HE ASKS MEPHISTO ABOUT IT AND RECEIVES A KEY FOR TRAVELING INTO THE PAST. RIN GOES BACK IN TIME AND FOLLOWS SHIRO AND YURI IN THEIR YOUTH, AND LEARNS THAT THEIR FATES ARE HARSHER THAN HE EVER IMAGINED.

THE MOMENT WHEN SATAN WILL TAKE CORPOREAL FORM IS APPROACHING!!







...IT'D BE
BENEFICIAL TO
HAVE LOTS OF
ALLIES INSTEAD
OF BEING ALONE.

WHEN
I'M IN A
PINCH...



UH-
HUH!!



HUH?!

I STILL
HAVEN'T
FORGIVEN YOU
FOR WHAT
YOU DID!

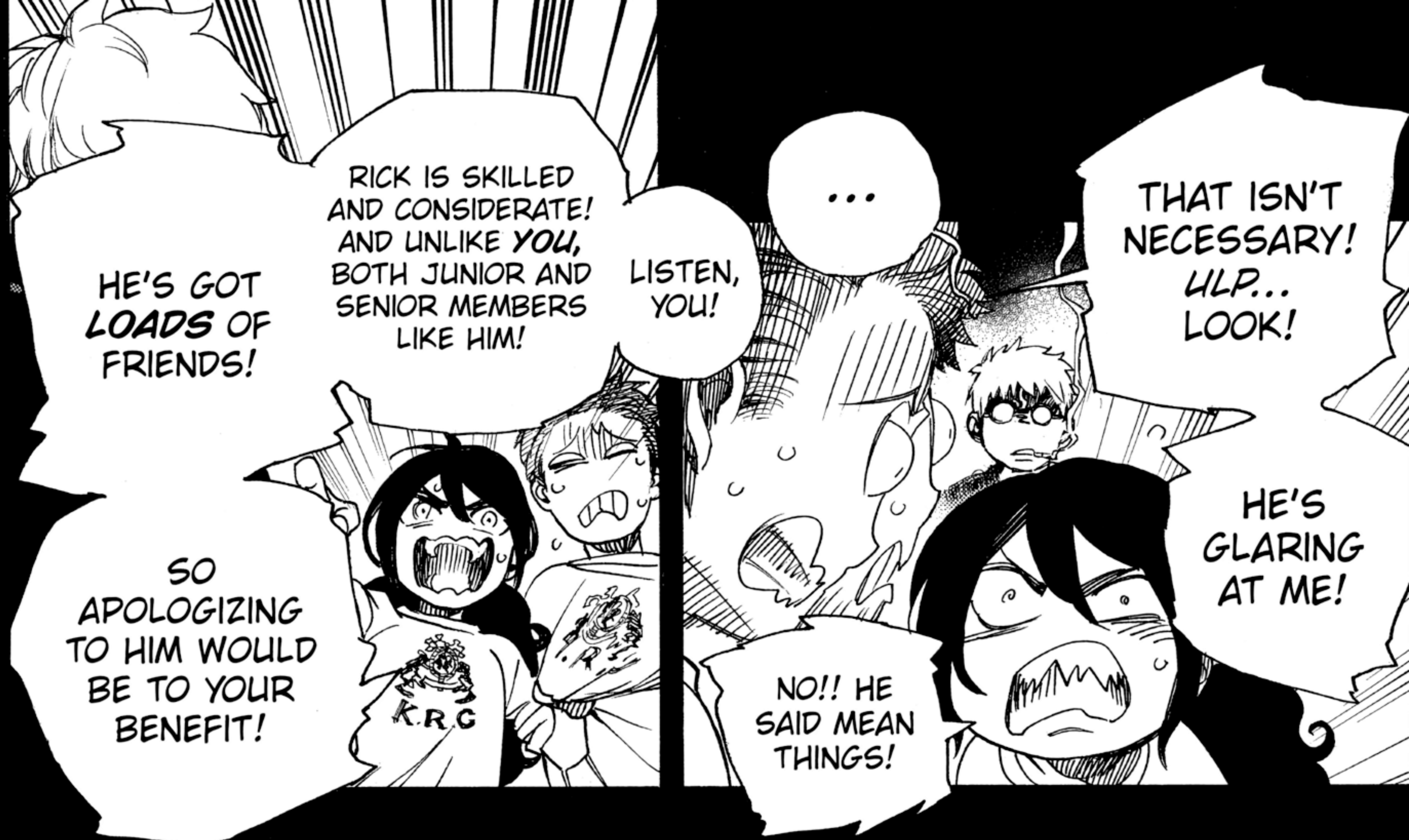
...YOU GOTTA
APOLOGIZE TO
RICK!!

HAHA! IN
THAT
CASE...

GO ON!
DO IT!

BAAAA

K.R.C.



I CAN
HEAR
YOU!!

Am I an
animal?!

LHP!
SORRY!!

YOU REALLY
ARE AN
EXCELLENT
TRAINER!

WOW...
IMPRESSIVE,
YURI!

AND
NOW WE
GO...

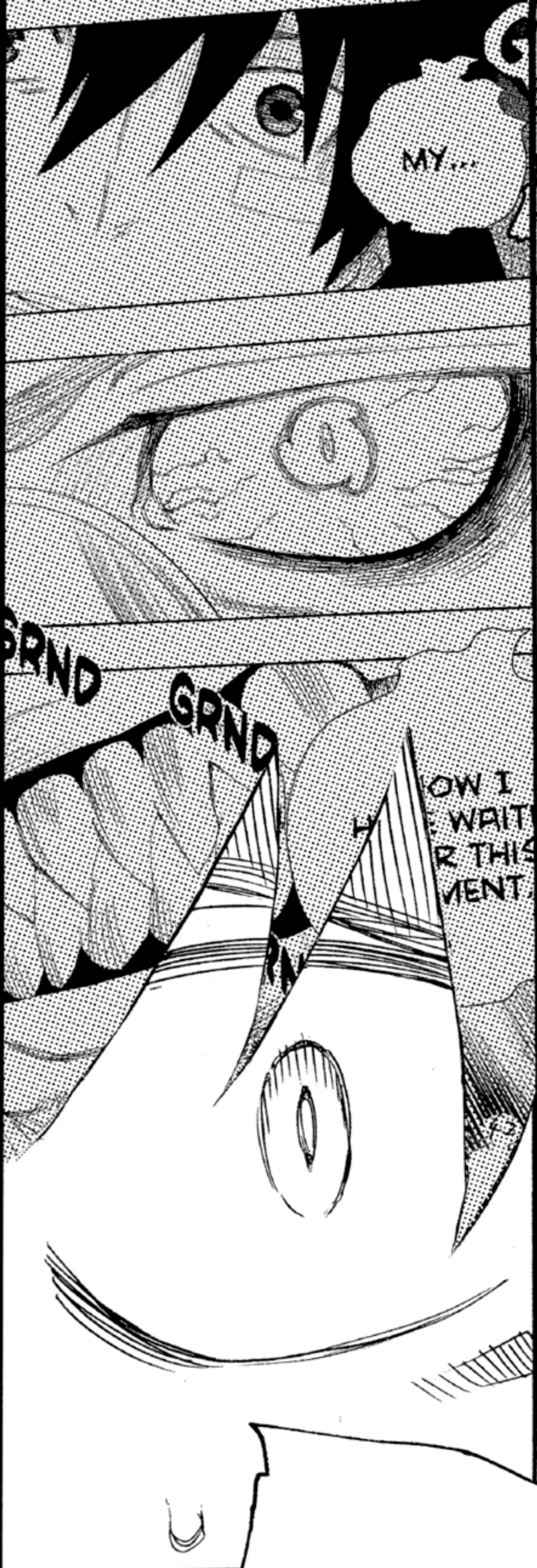
CHAK

NOW I FEEL
BETTER
ABOUT
THOSE TWO!

THIS...

...APPEARS TO
BE SECTION 13
AT ABOUT THE
SAME TIME.

KOK
KOK



MY...

GRND GRND

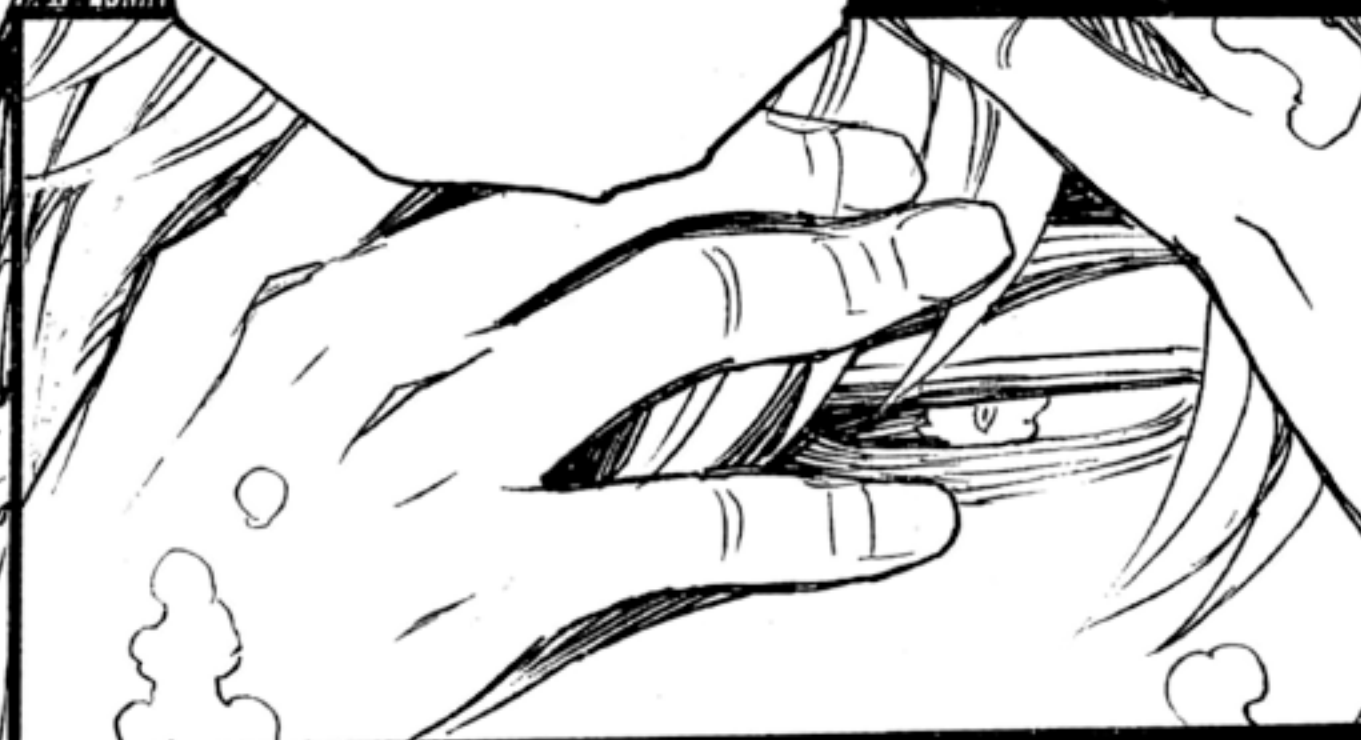
OW I
E WAIT
R THIS
MENT



WHO IS
THAT?

HE LOOKS
LIKE
FATHER
FUJIMOTO.

IS HE A
TEST
SUBJECT?



GL

?!?

SATAN
?!



**THAT
EYE!**



THIS WAS
THE FIRST
TIME SATAN
TOOK A BODY.


NO, IT'S
TRUE.



OR WAS IT MY
IMAGINATION?

HUH?

?!



SATAN DIDN'T
HAVE AN EGO,
SO HE WAS
STILL LEARNING
THE RULES OF
THE ROAD.

WHY? IT
WASN'T LIKE
WITH
AMAIMON?

THE
POSSESSION
WAS
UNSTABLE...

...AND NO
ONE NOTICED
WHETHER IT
WAS HUMAN
OR DEMON.



...IT TOOK NINE YEARS FOR HIM TO GET IT RIGHT.

IN ANY CASE...

LET'S HURRY ON.

NINE YEARS?!

I can't recall.

SOME OF US TOOK BODIES THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO...

...BUT WE MAY HAVE BEEN LIKE THAT IN ANCIENT TIMES.




YES.

FOR THE NEXT NINE YEARS...



...SATAN REPEATEDLY ATTEMPTED PHYSICAL INCARNATION IN THIS SUBJECT.





THE SUBJECT
RECEIVED
NUMEROUS
EXPERIMENTAL
ELIXIRS...

...THAT
SUBJECT'S
BODY GREW
STRONGER.


...EVER SO
SLOWLY...

AND
LITTLE BY
LITTLE...

...AND SATAN
REPEATEDLY
ENTERED AND
DEPARTED.

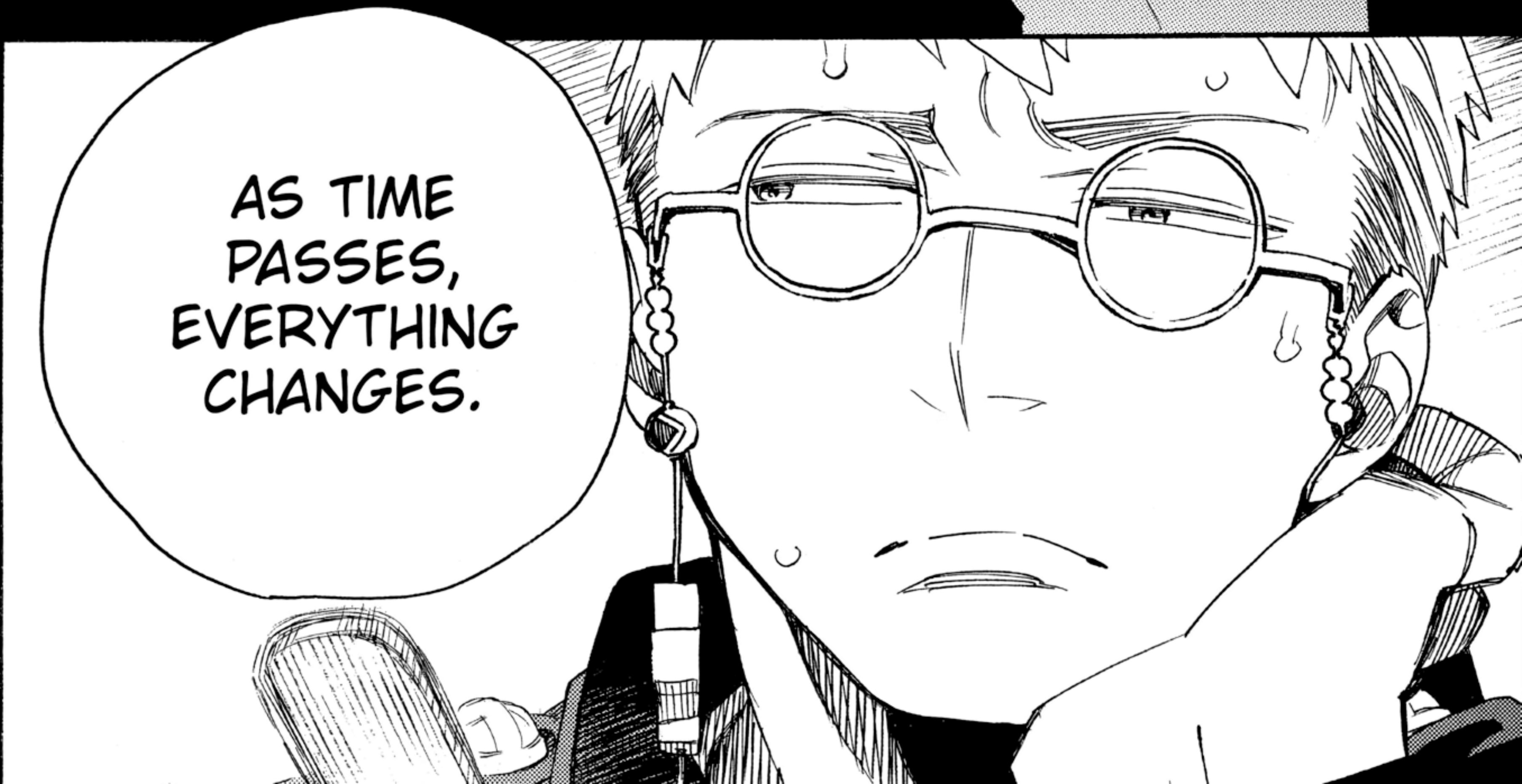
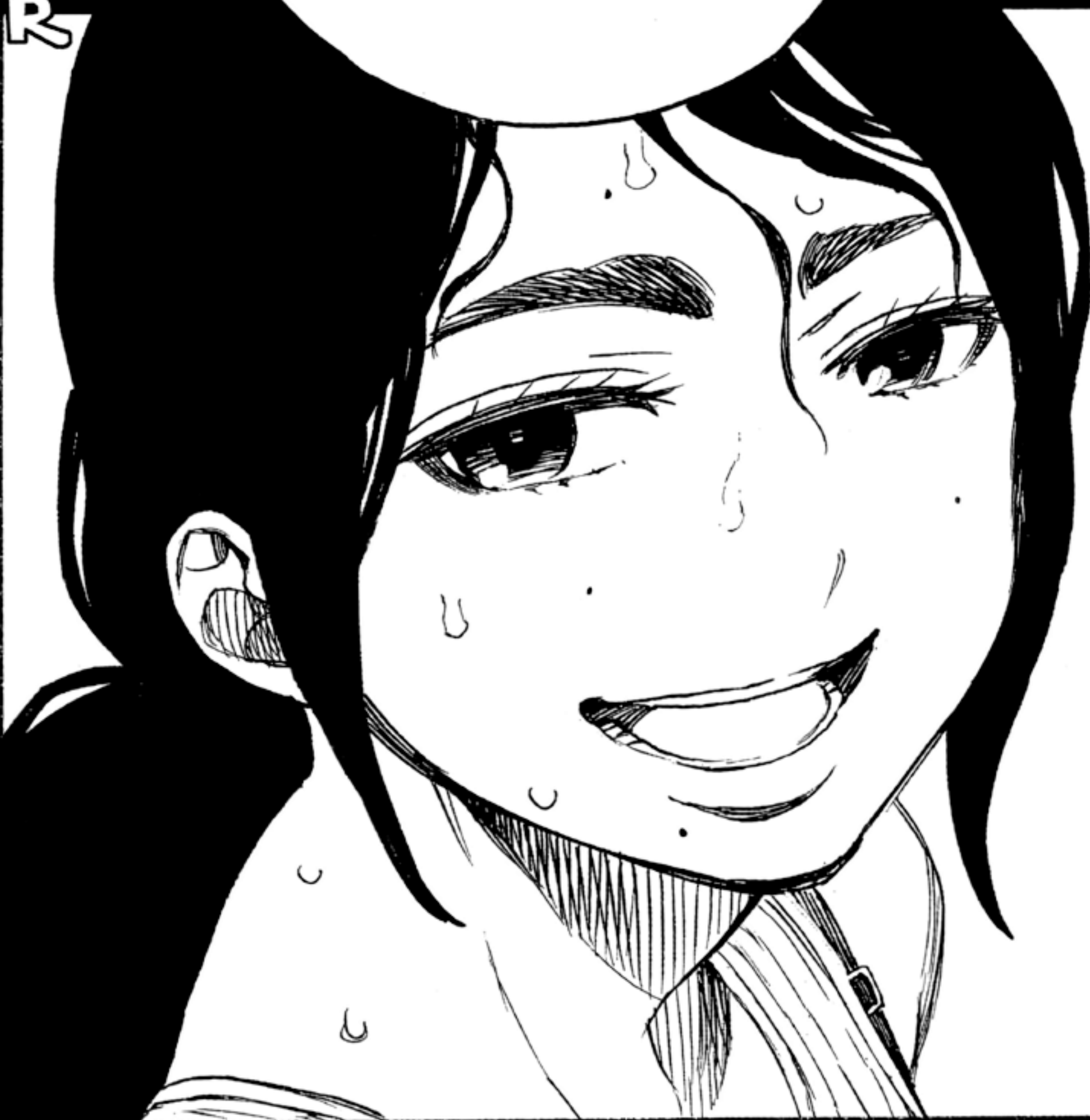
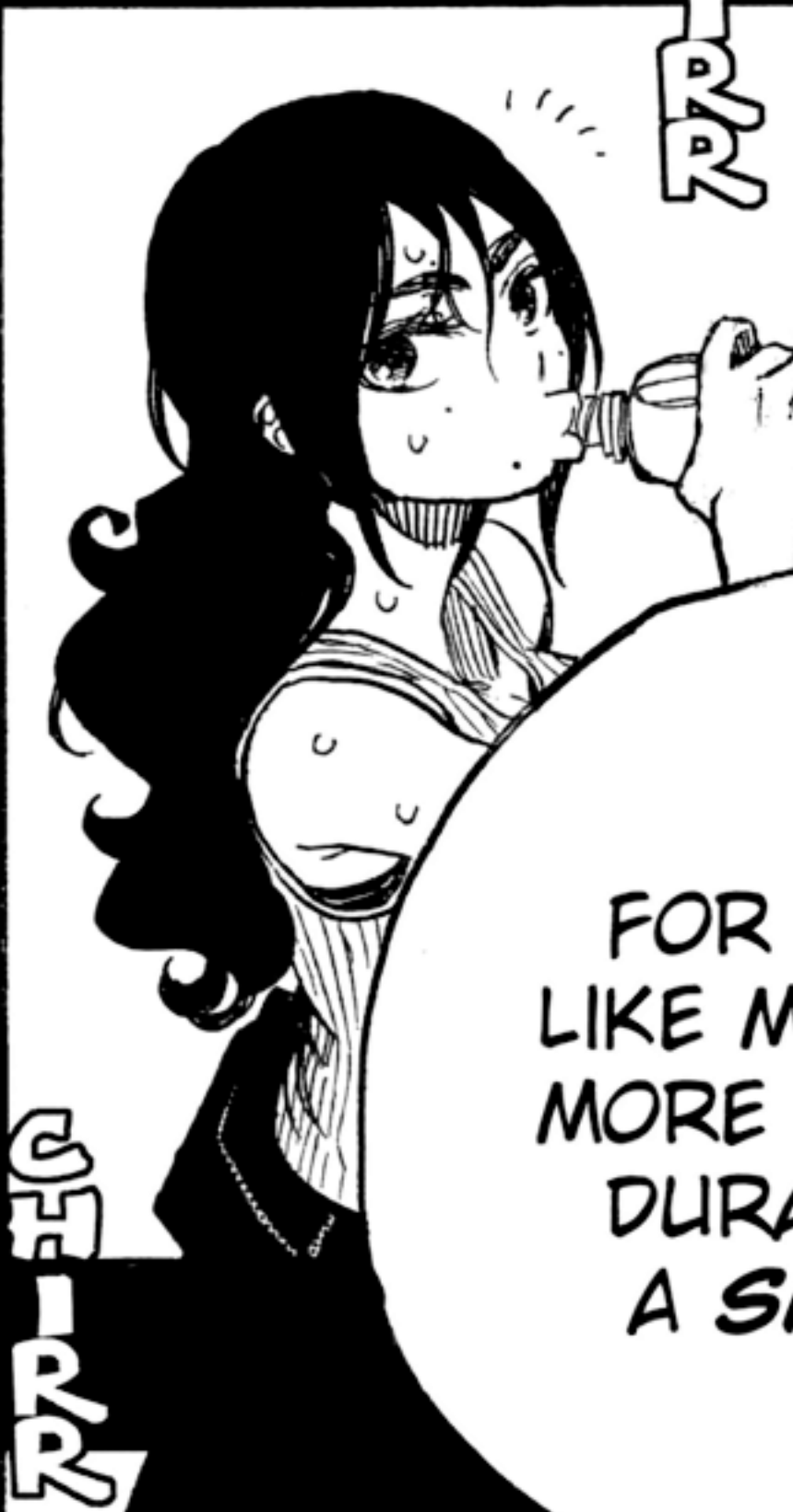


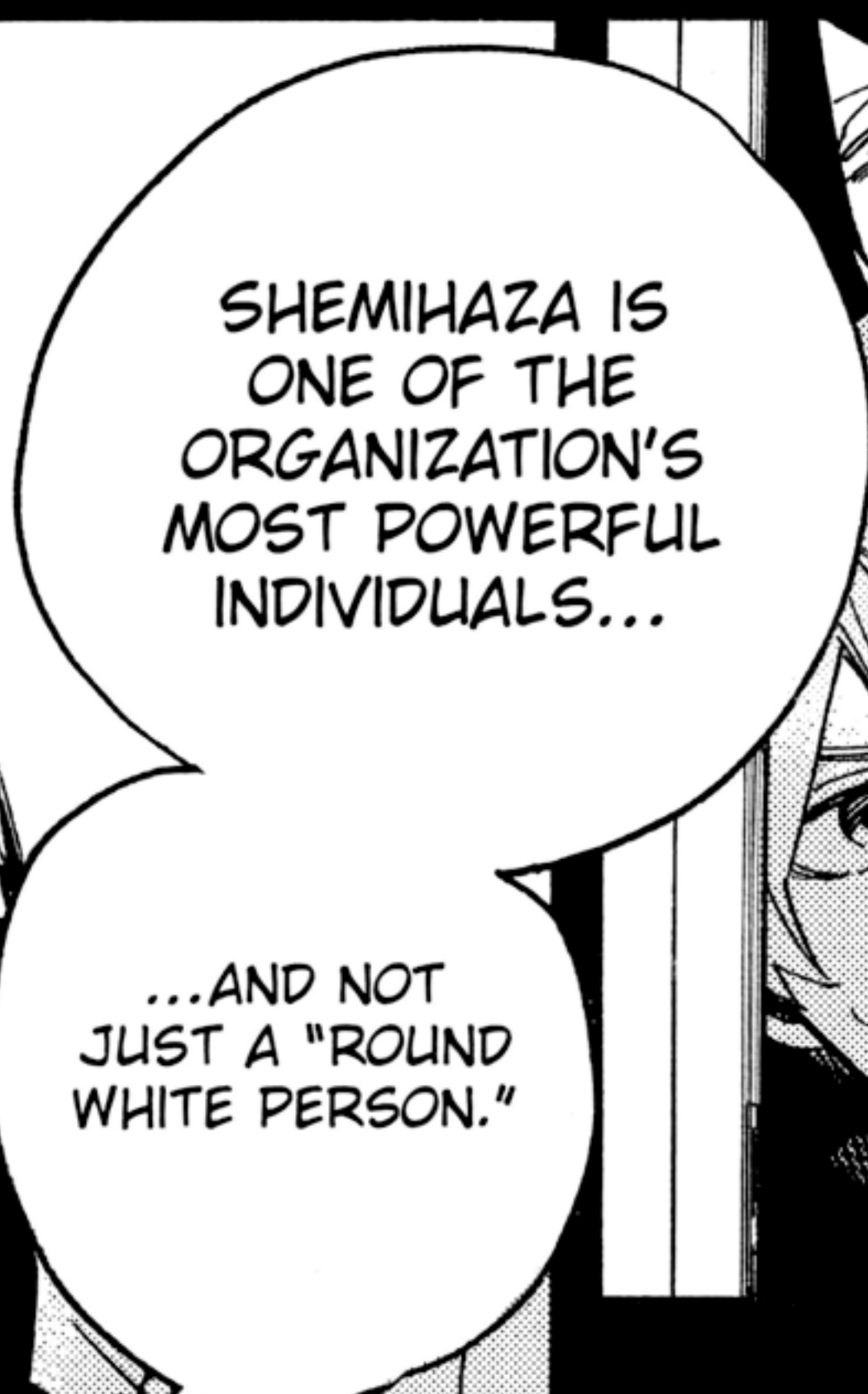
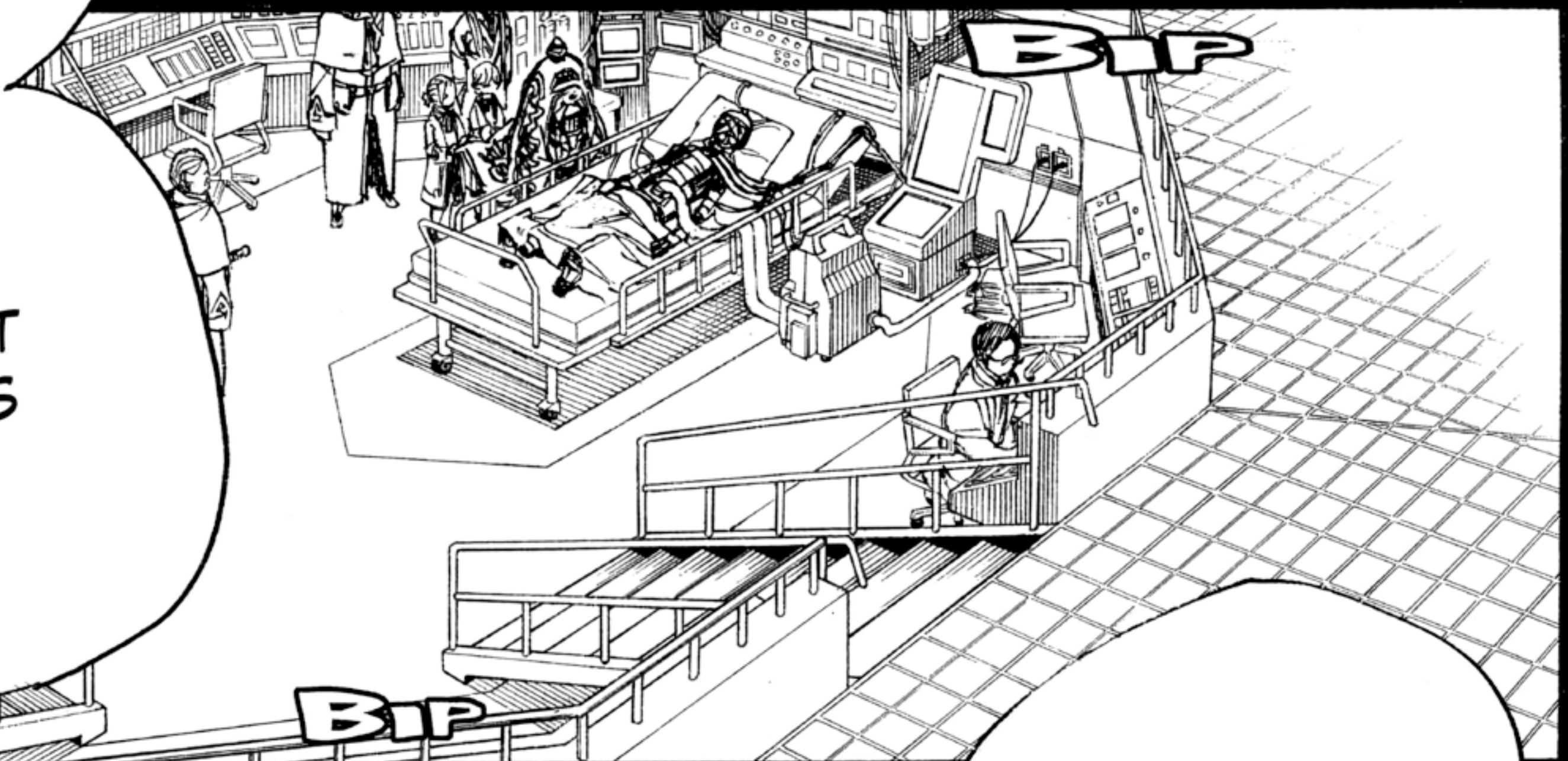
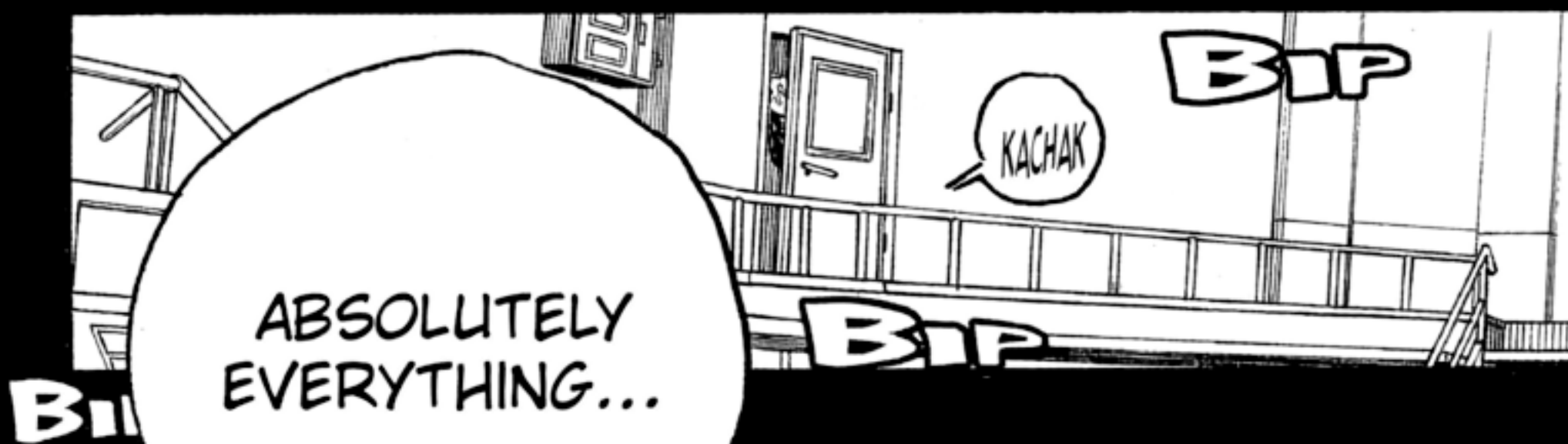
NINE
YEARS...



...BUT NINE
YEARS IS A
LONG TIME
FOR A HUMAN
BEING.









LUCIFER...

BIP

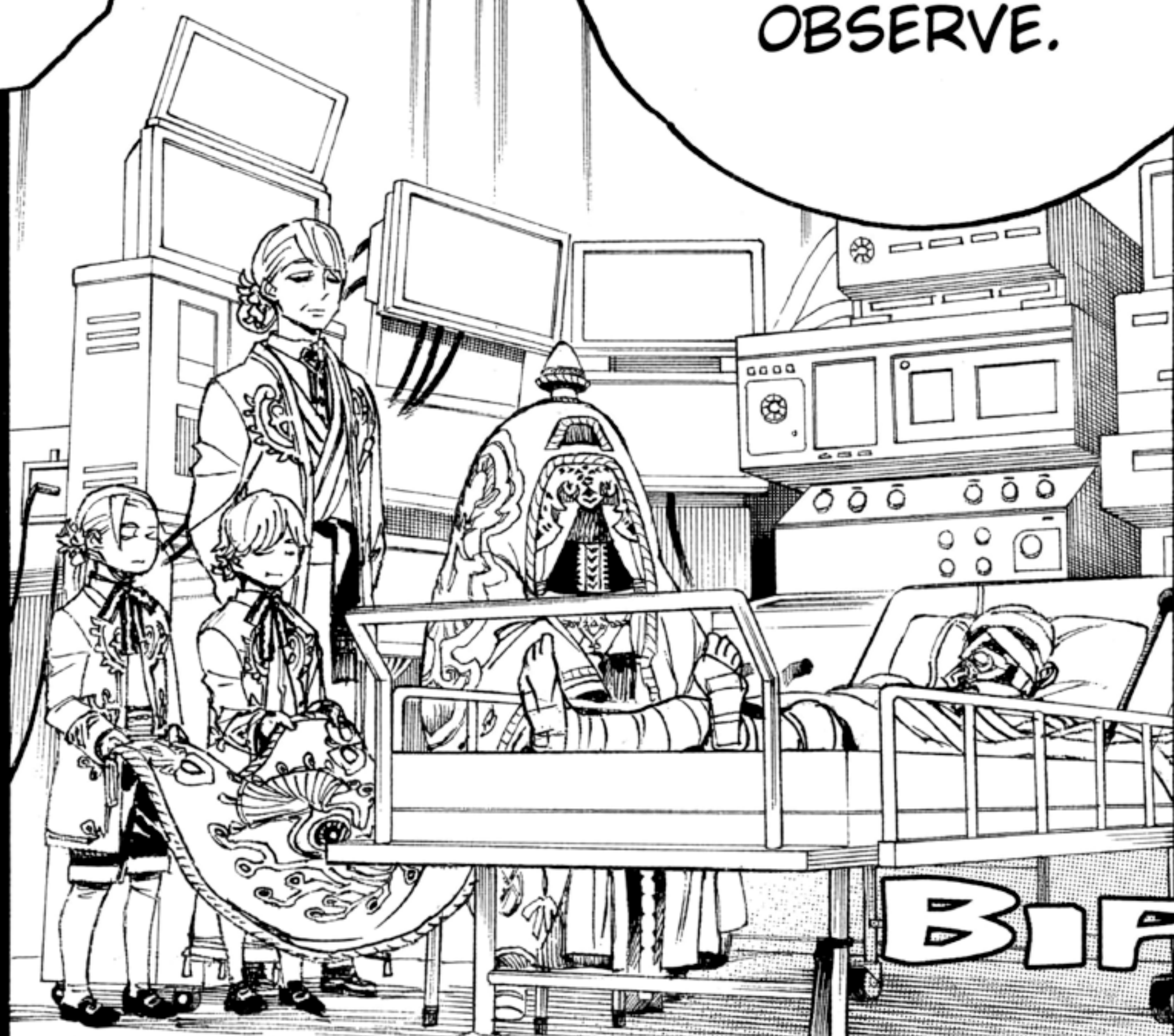
SHEMIHAZA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECTION 13 AND OFTEN COMES TO OBSERVE.



SHF

PSHHT

BIP



BIP



FWIK

BIP

KOFF

...

BIP



BIP

THE OTHER DAY, AMAIMON LEFT HIS BODY OF 200 YEARS...

...AND RETURNED TO GEHENNA.

BIP



LUCIFER
...!



I CANNOT
CONTINUE!

THIS FACILITY
AND ITS
RESEARCH...

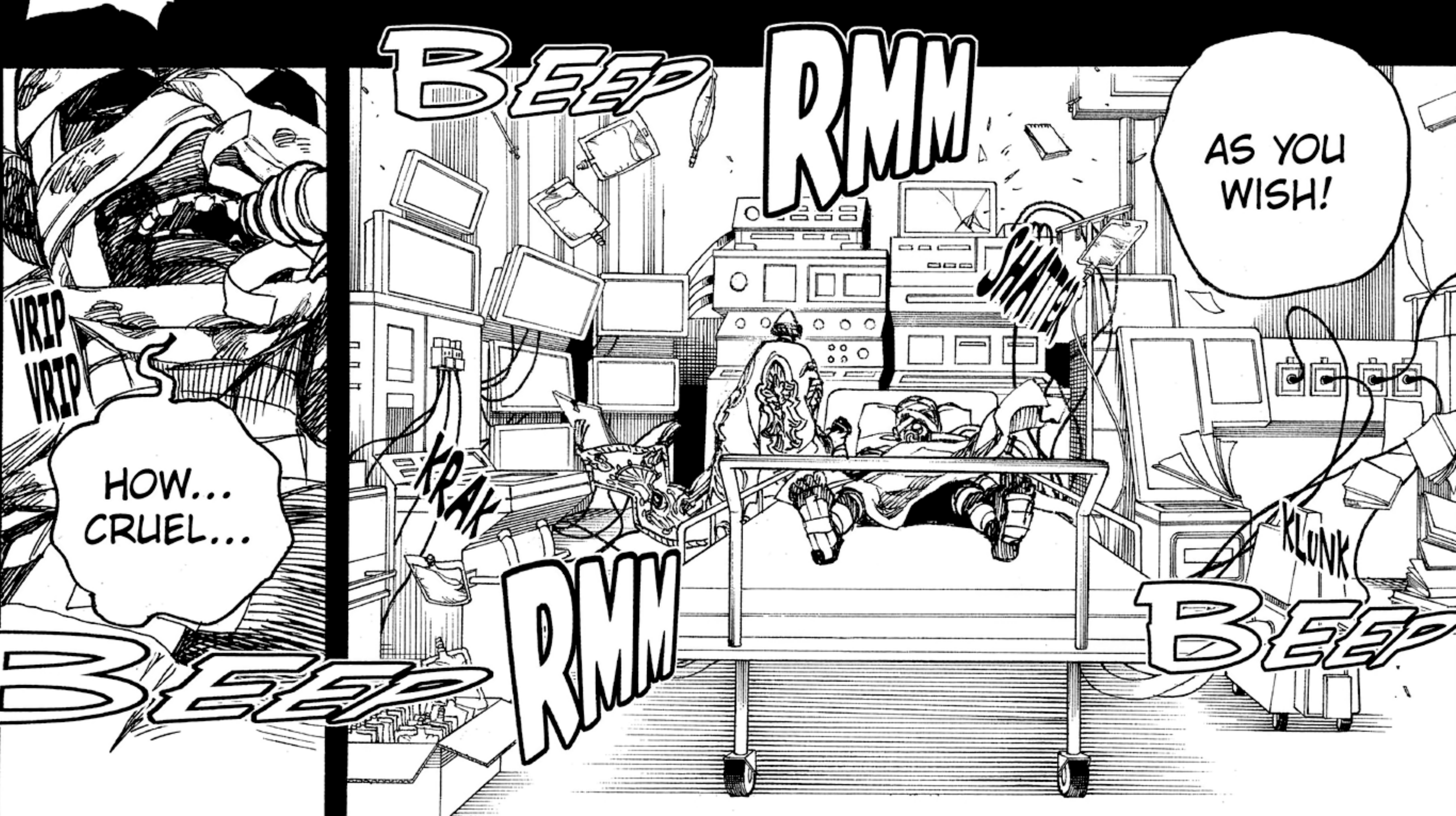
...HAVE
REACHED
THEIR LIMIT.



PLEASE...

PLEASE!

...ABANDON
YOUR
ATTACHMENT TO
MATERIAL
THINGS!!



...DO
THAT?!

HOW
COULD
YOU...

RMM

B

I
JUST...

KOFF

WHEEZ

...WANT TO
CREATE A
WORLD FULL OF
GENTLE LIGHT!

BEEP

RW

...WHERE
EVERYONE IS
EQUAL!

A FAIR
WORLD...

BEEP

I WANT TO BE
A LIGHT FOR
THE WEAK!

THE HAVES
DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THE HAVE-
NOTS!

BUT I DO
UNDERSTAND!

RMW

KOFF
KOFF

PLEASE...

GRAB

...SHEMIHAZA!

THAT'S
ALL!

SO
WHY?!

IT IS A
MODEST
HOPE!

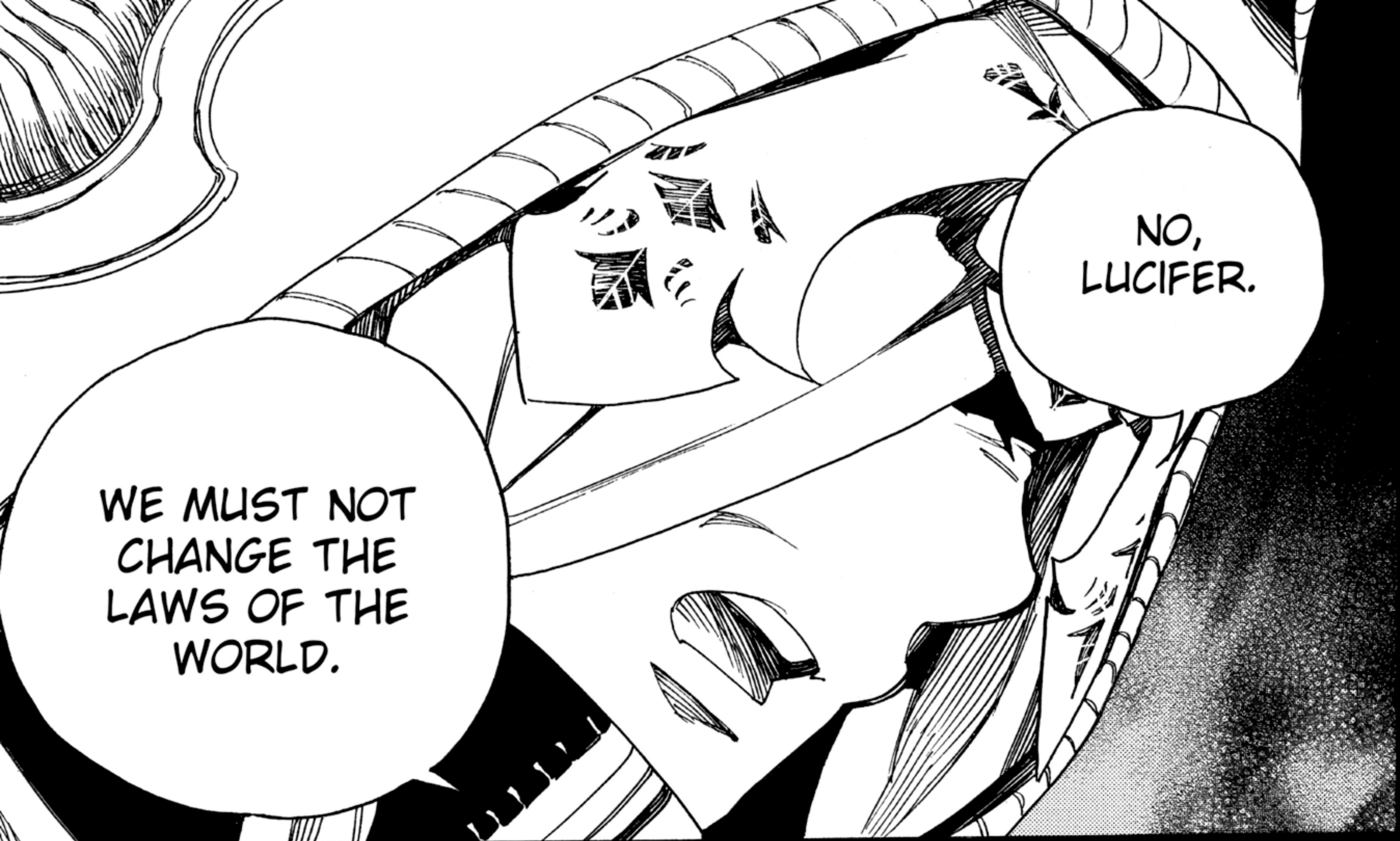
A BODY
THAT
WORKS!

GIVE ME
HOPE TOO!

HWEEZ

I NEED A
BODY!

HWEEZ



WE MUST NOT
CHANGE THE
LAWS OF THE
WORLD.

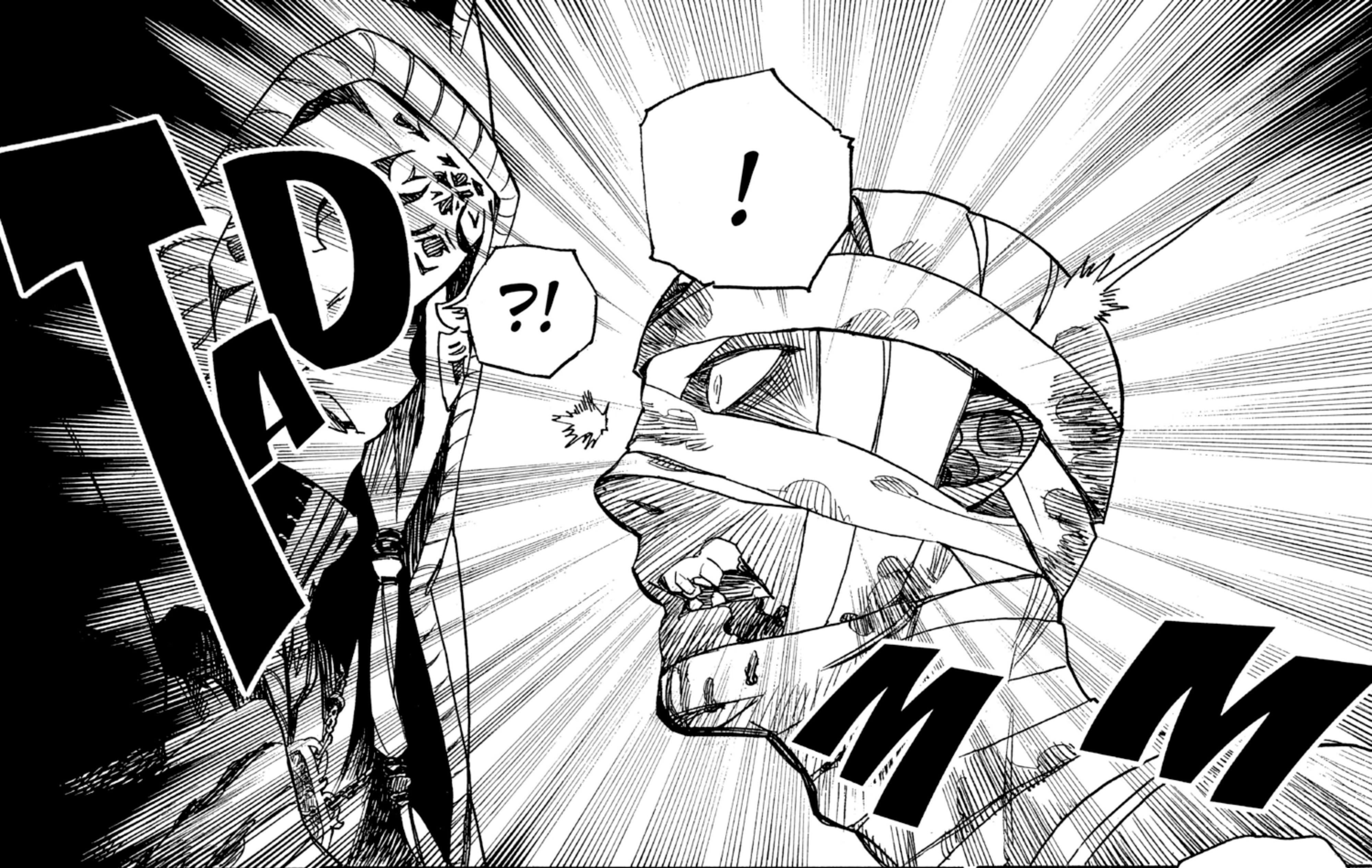
NO,
LUCIFER.



ARE YOU
EVEN
HUMAN?



I ABANDONED
HUMAN
COMPASSION
WHEN I TOOK
THIS POSITION.





HUFF

HUFF

BABMP

HUFF

HUFF

NNN

NGHH

AAH!

LOOK AT
THE FORM
OF ITS
HEART!

BABMP



A DEMON IS
POSSESSING A
SUBJECT FROM
THE SAMUEL
GROUP!

CHATTER

CHATTER

BABMP

GA
A
A

AA
G
H!

BABMP

S'm
Cr-006



BABMP

IT'S
AMAIMON!!



CHATTER

CHATTER

NO
WAY!

AMAIMON'S
BODY IS A
CLONE OF
ME.

We look
alike, right?

NNN

NGH

POINK

GAASP



IT
DOESN'T...

...HURT.

CONGRATULATIONS,
AMAIMON.

IS THIS
BODY A
CLONE OF
YOU?

IT DOESN'T
HURT. THANKS
FOR THE
SUITABLE BODY.

BIG...

...
BROTHER
?



IF AMAIMON
FOUND A
BODY...

...THEN THIS
PLACE AND ITS
RESEARCH...

...ARE STILL
VALUABLE.



I'M JUST GLAD
THIS FACILITY
IS GOOD FOR
SOMETHING.

AND THE TIMING
WAS *PERFECT!*
HEH HEH...



NEXT...



...!!

RECONSIDER
CLOSING THE
FACILITY...

...PLEASE.

KOFF
KOFF

PEEK

!!

...I'M SURE
IT WILL BE
MY TURN.

LUCIFER
SAID...

IF NOT... THAT
WOULD BE
STRANGE.

...HE WOULD
NEVER GIVE UP,
DIDN'T HE?

AT THAT TIME
AS WELL, SATAN
CAUSED THE
SUBJECT TO
GROW
STRONGER.

...BUT DUST
BEFORE THE
WIND.

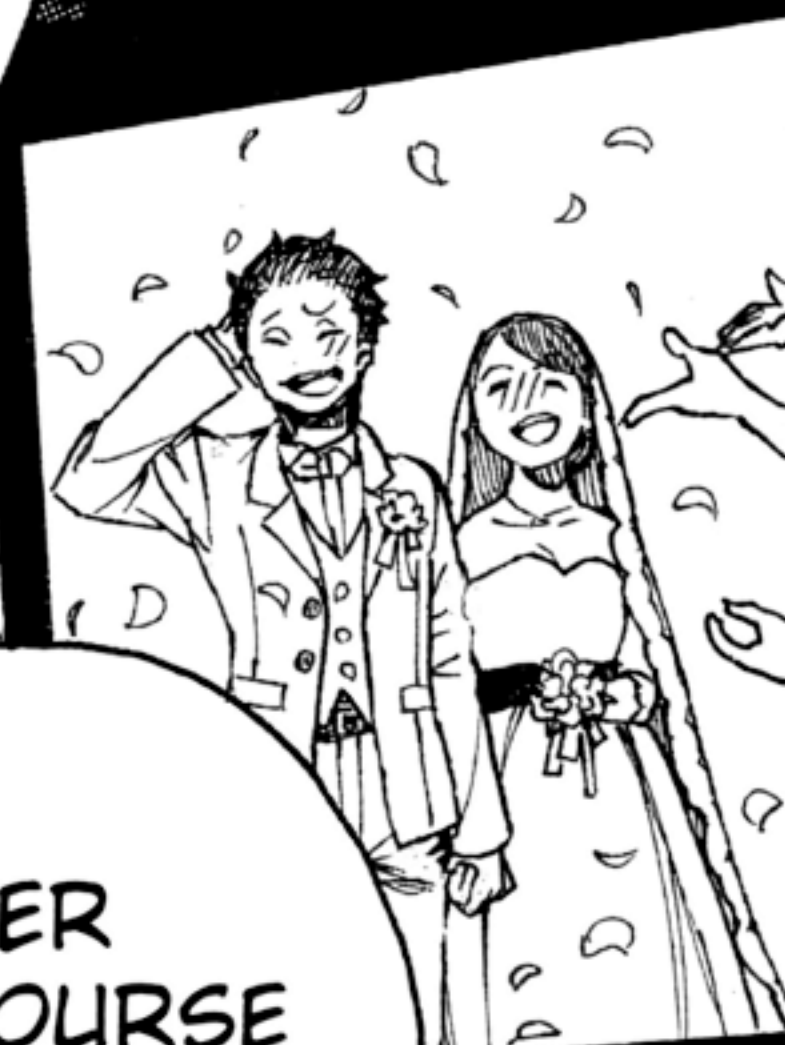
THEY SAY
ALL IS
NAUGHT...



NOTHING
STAYS THE
SAME
FOREVER.

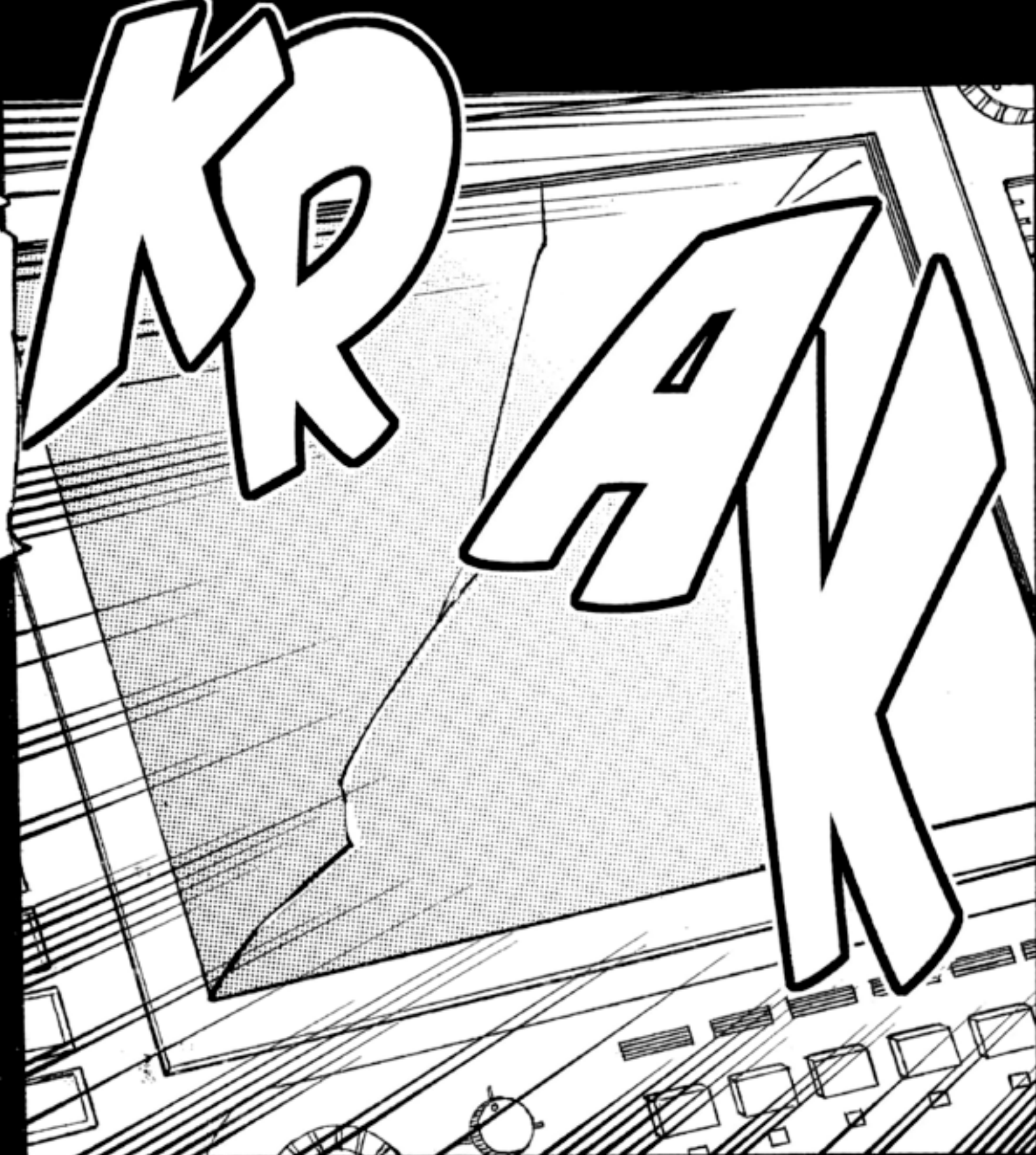
OVER
THE COURSE
OF NINE
YEARS...

...SATAN
POSSESSED
A BODY.



BEEP

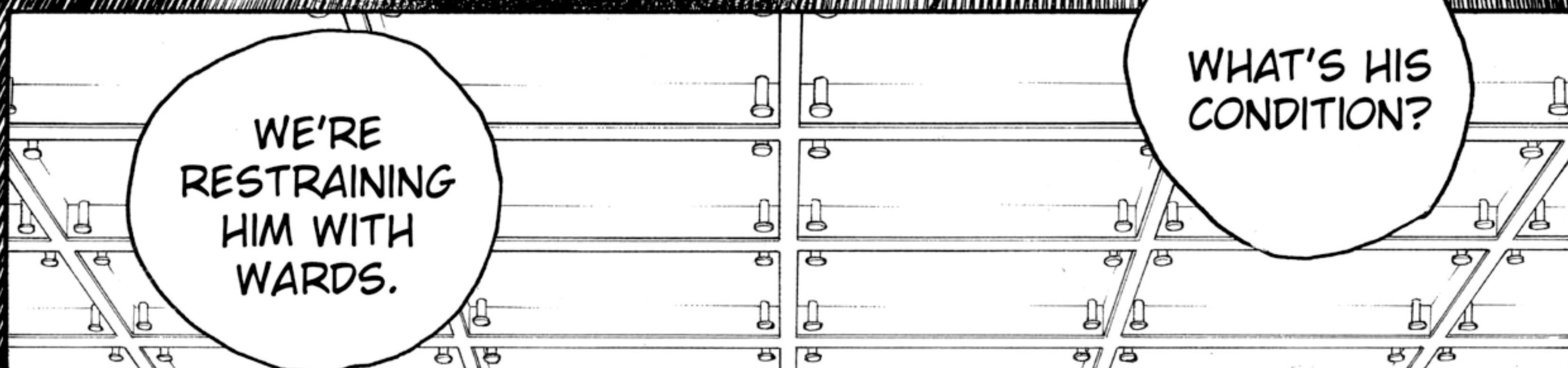






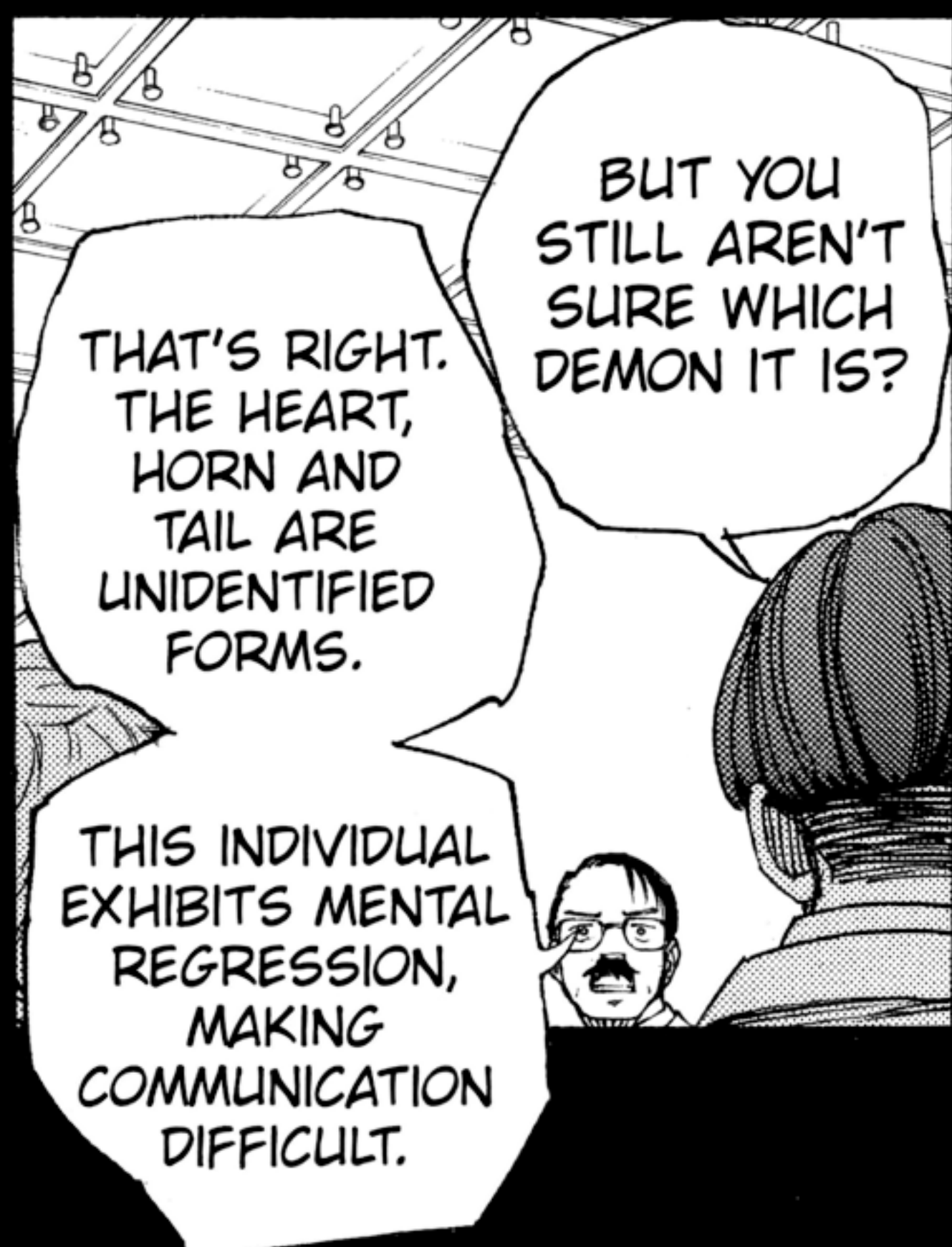
IT
ISN'T
...

...ME?



WE'RE
RESTRAINING
HIM WITH
WARDS.

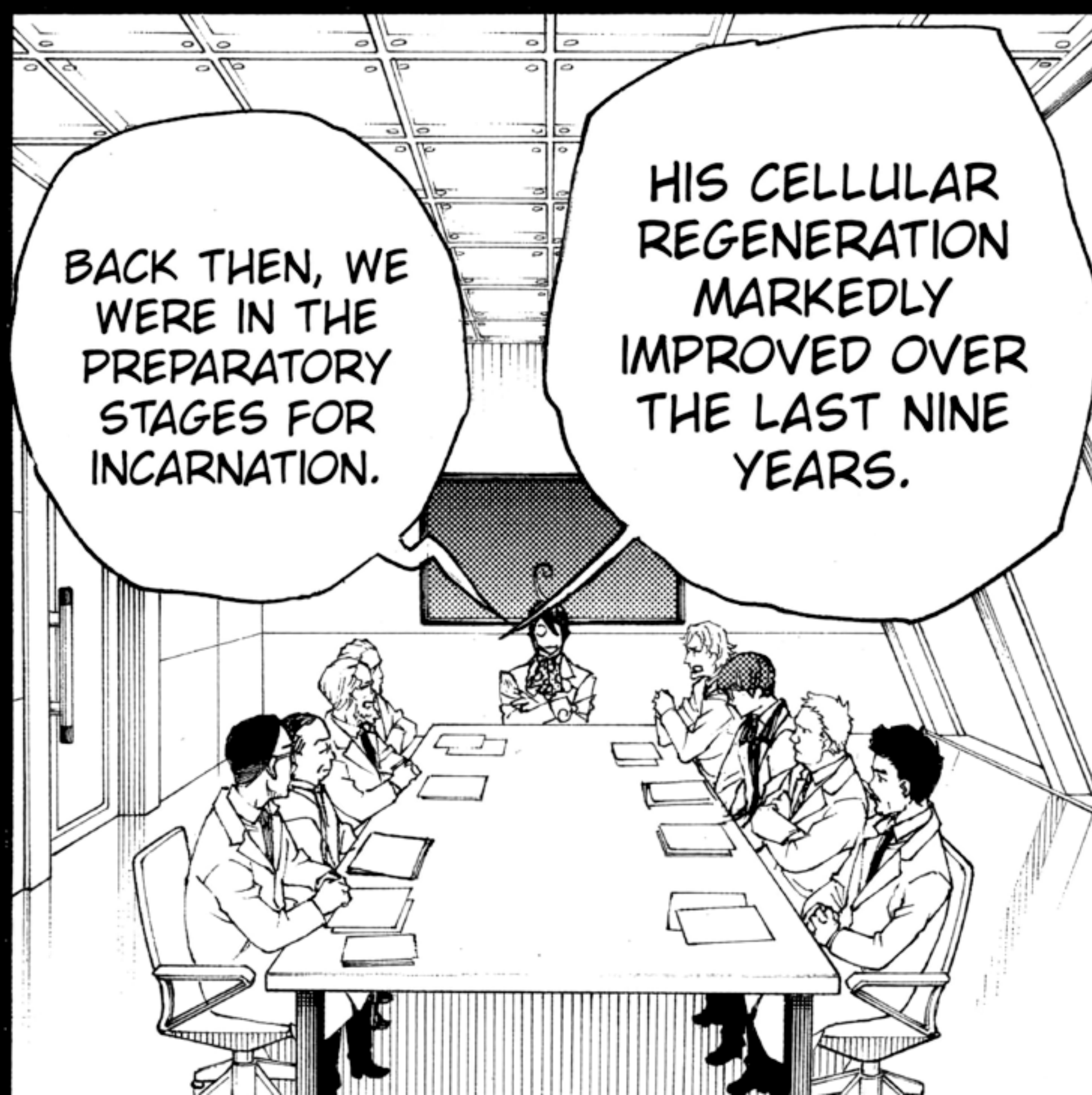
WHAT'S HIS
CONDITION?



THAT'S RIGHT.
THE HEART,
HORN AND
TAIL ARE
UNIDENTIFIED
FORMS.

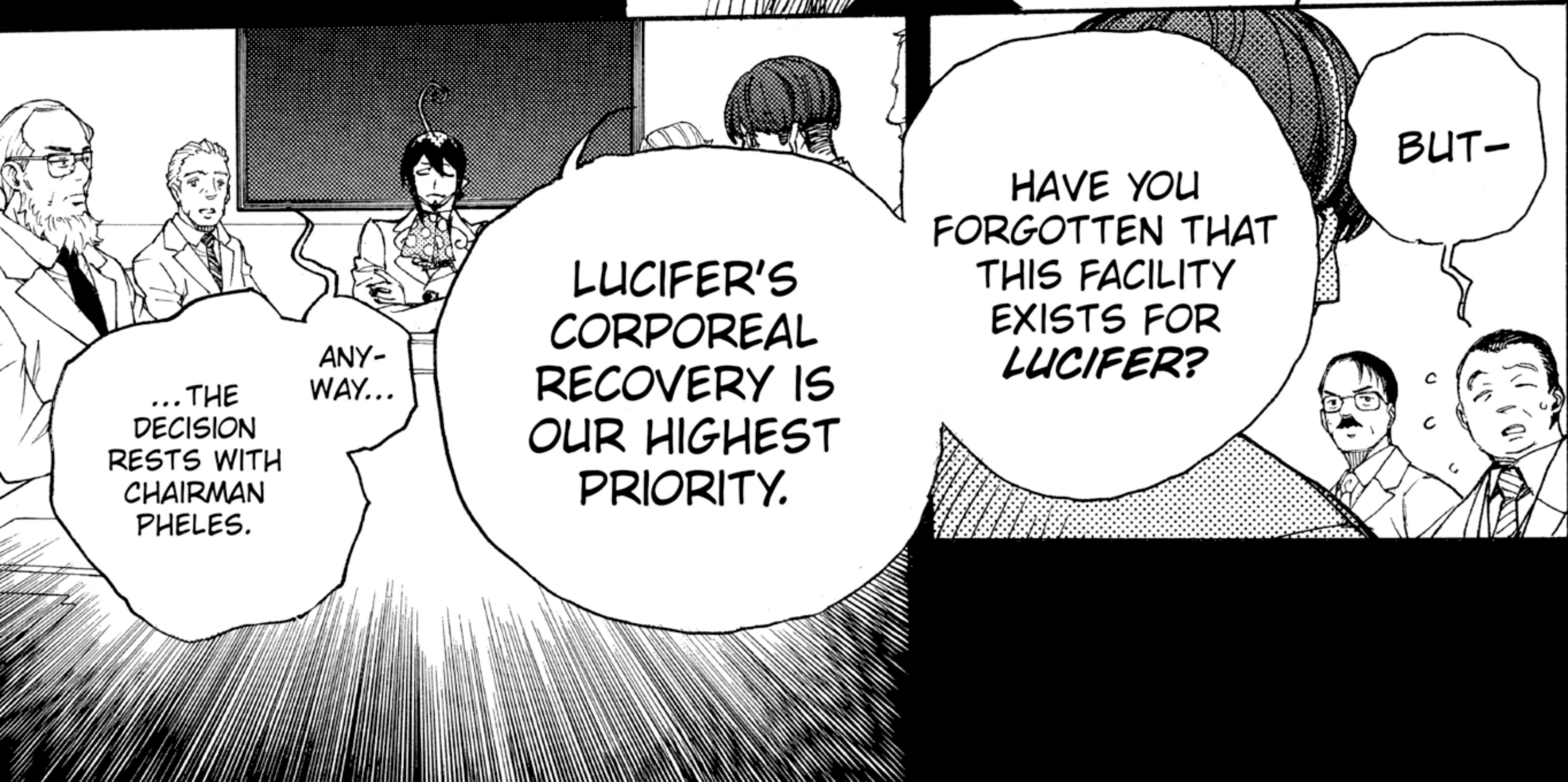
BUT YOU
STILL AREN'T
SURE WHICH
DEMON IT IS?

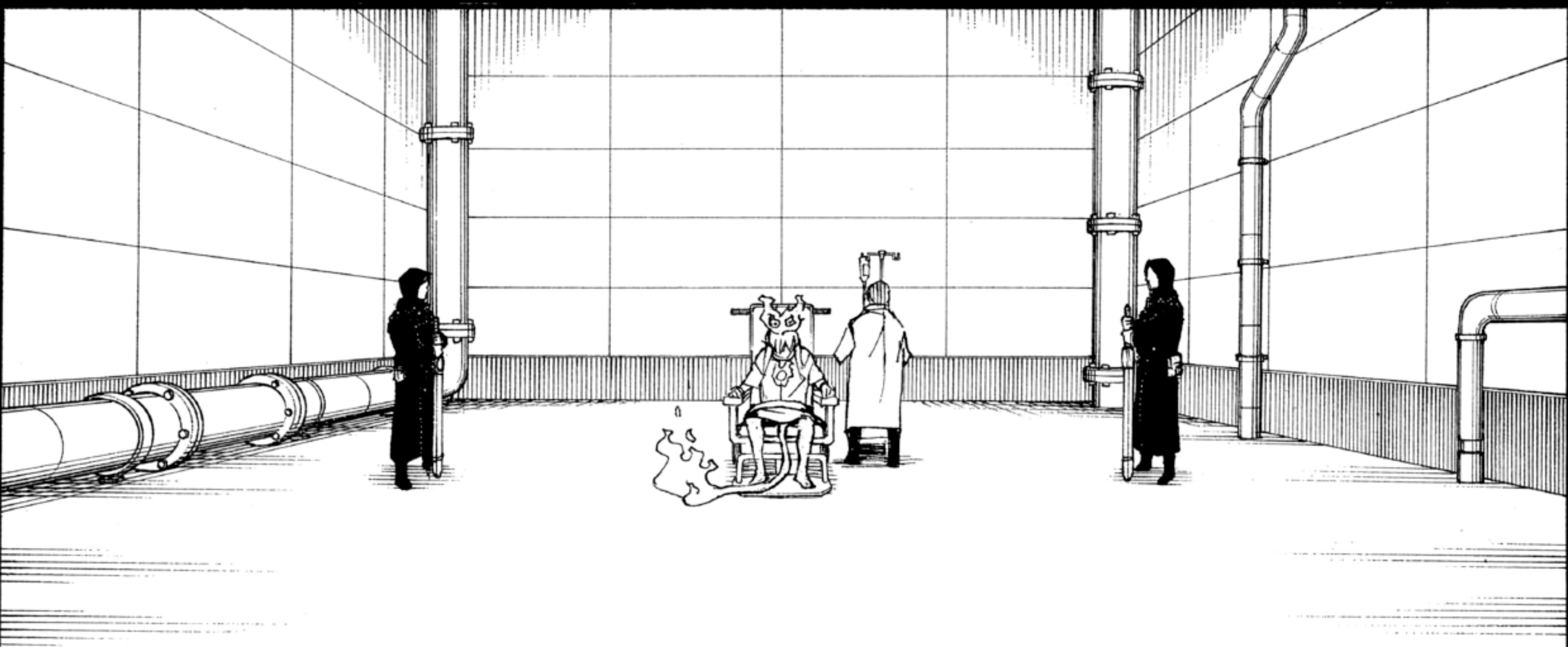
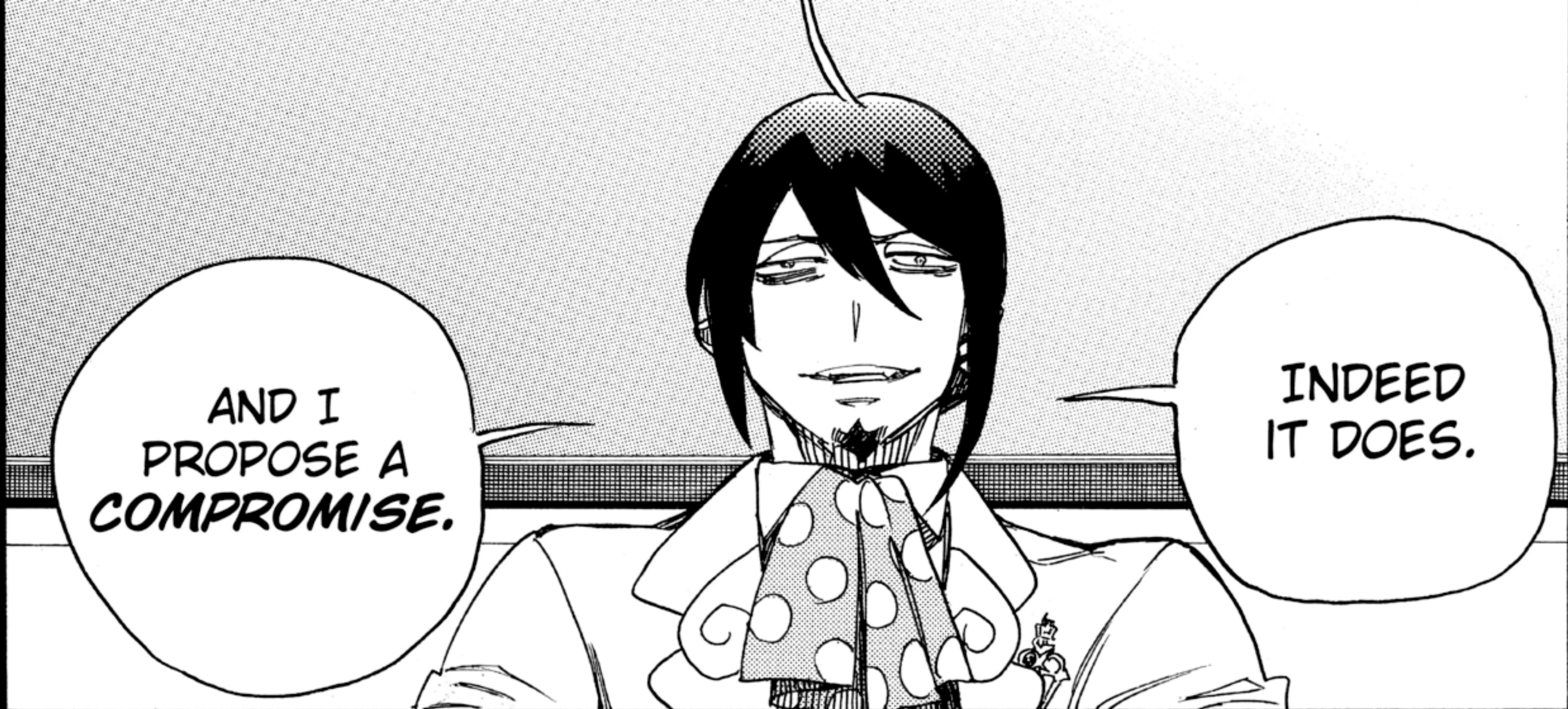
THIS INDIVIDUAL
EXHIBITS MENTAL
REGRESSION,
MAKING
COMMUNICATION
DIFFICULT.

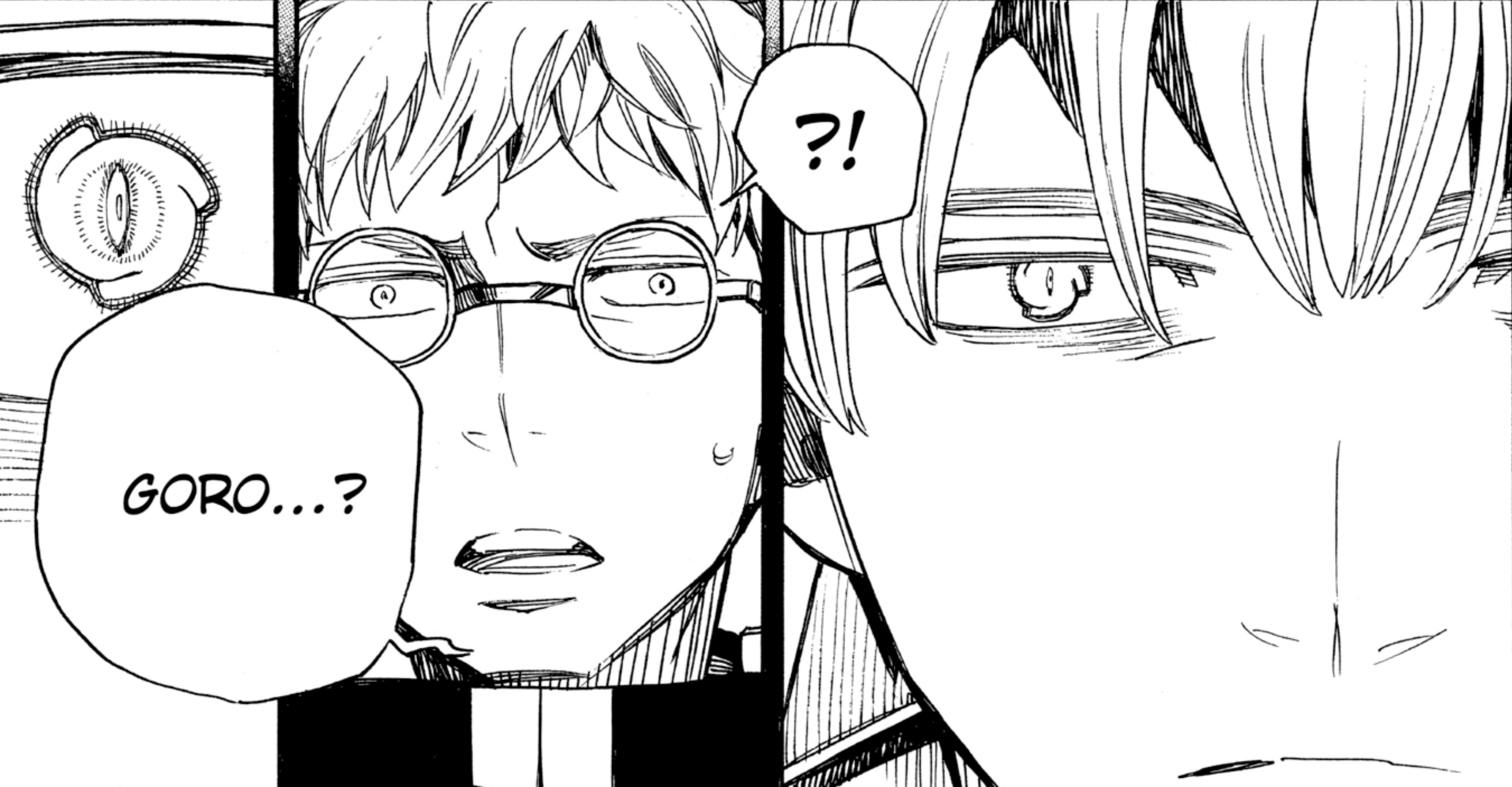
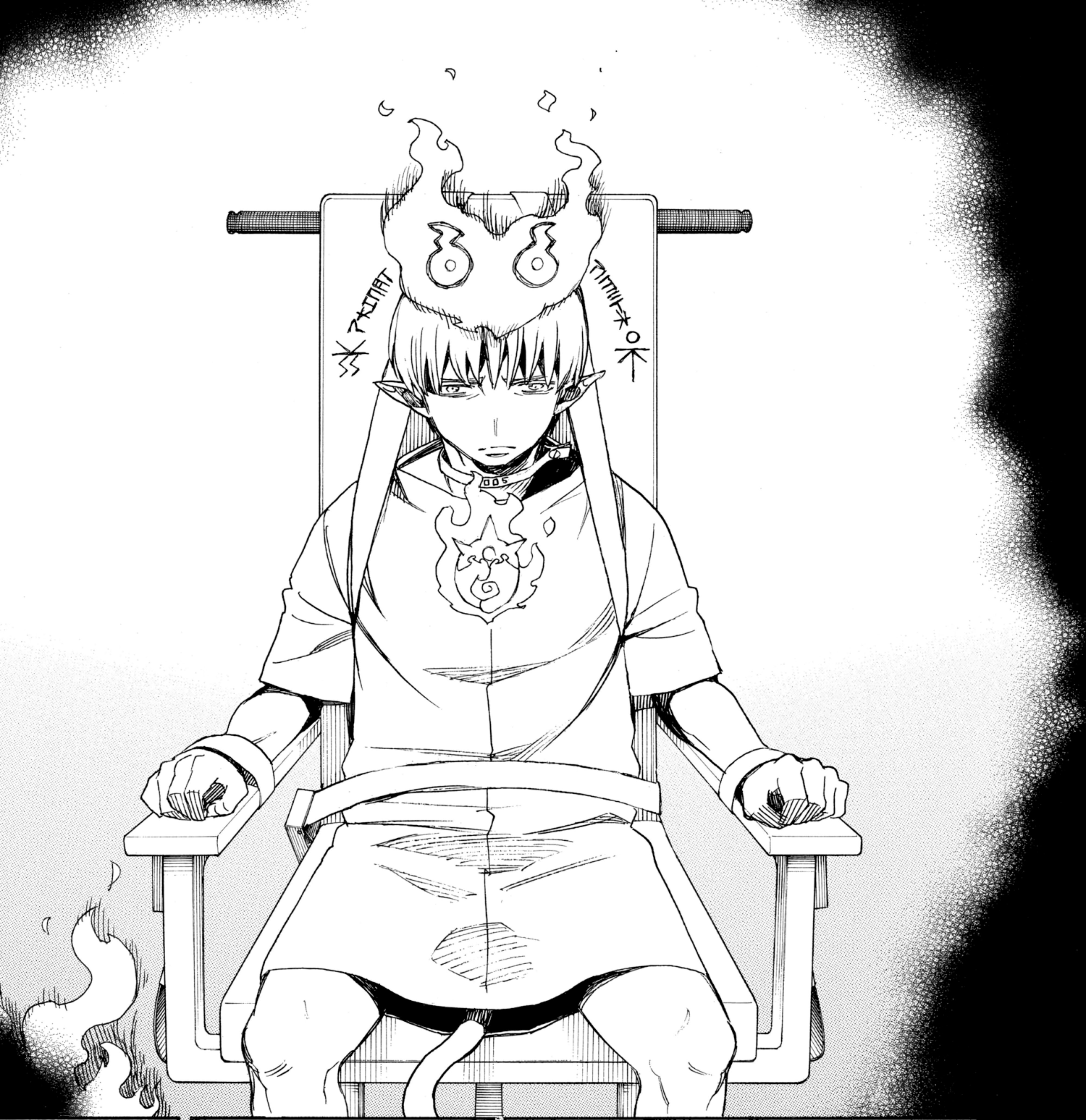


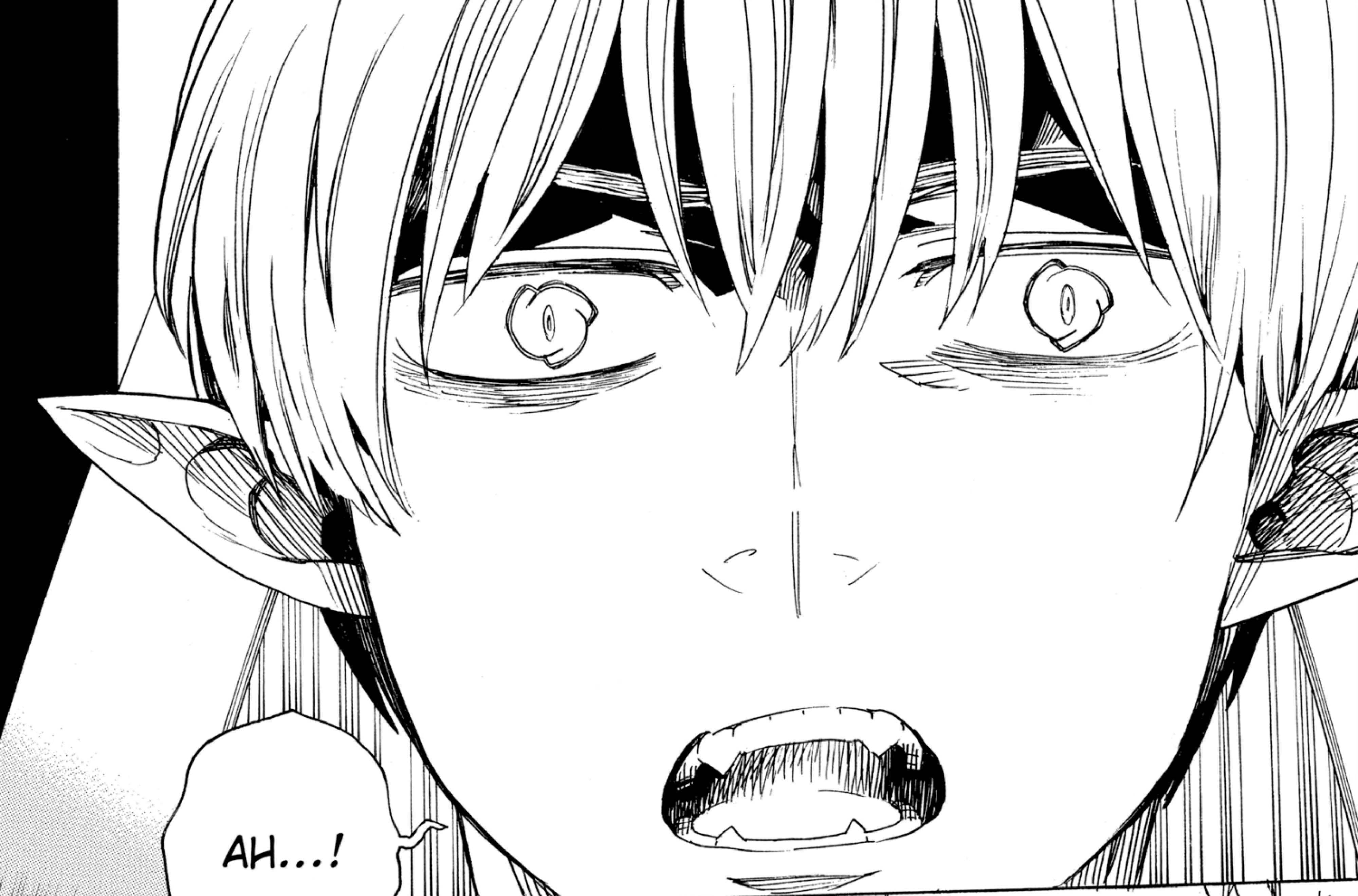
BACK THEN, WE
WERE IN THE
PREPARATORY
STAGES FOR
INCARNATION.

HIS CELLULAR
REGENERATION
MARKEDLY
IMPROVED OVER
THE LAST NINE
YEARS.

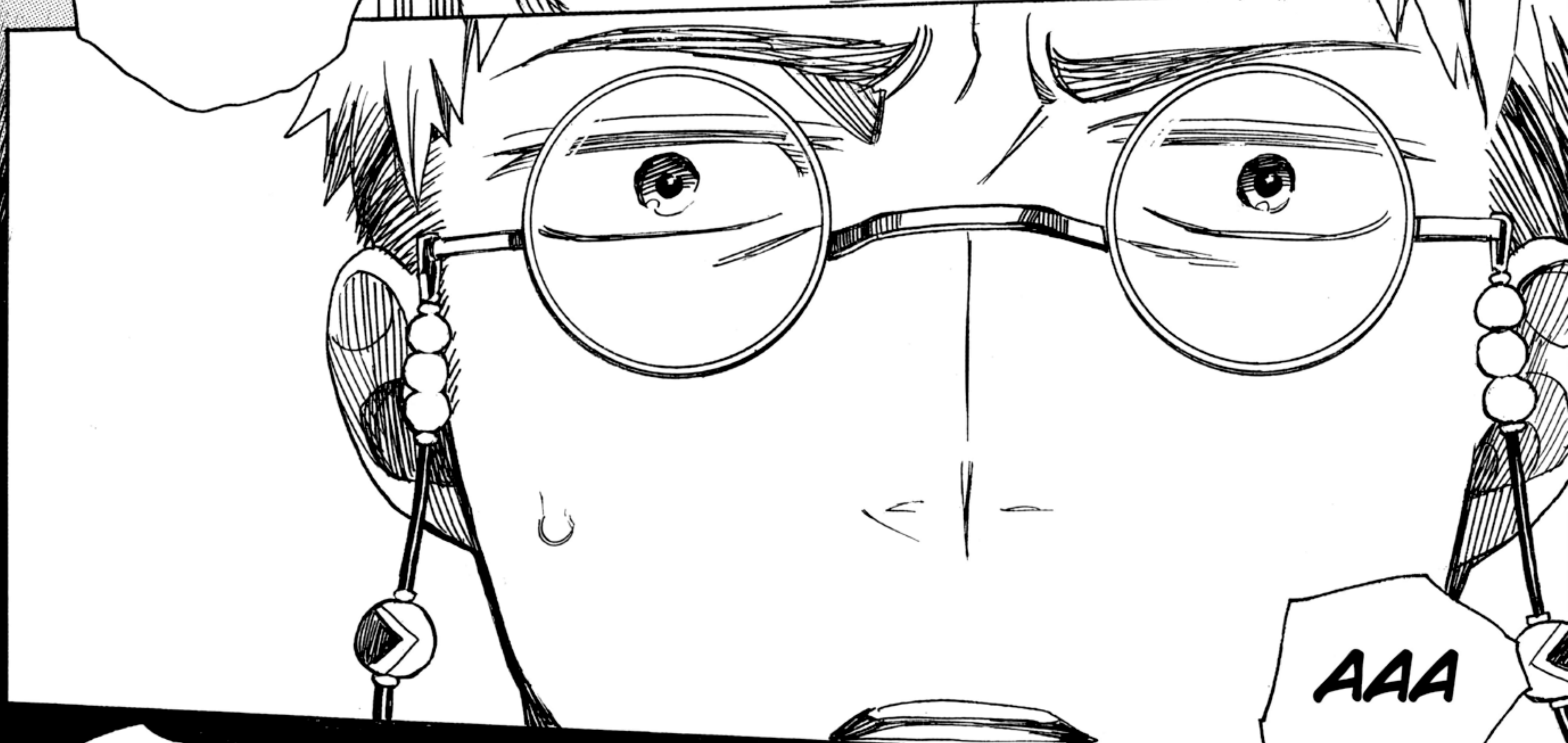








AH...!



AAA



SEDATIVE!



CALM HIM DOWN!



WHAT HAPPENED?! HE'S GOING BERSERK!



WHAM WHAM



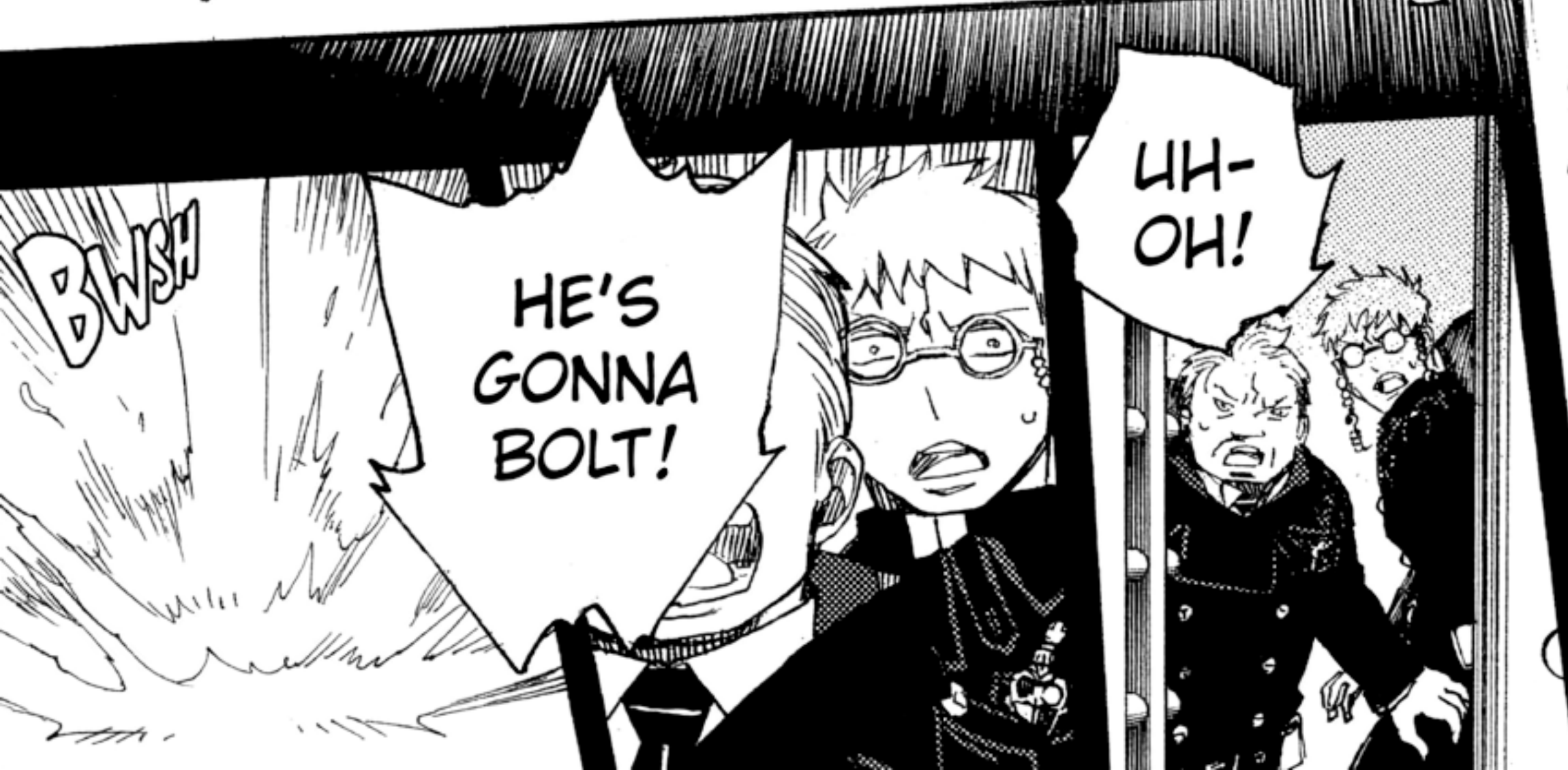
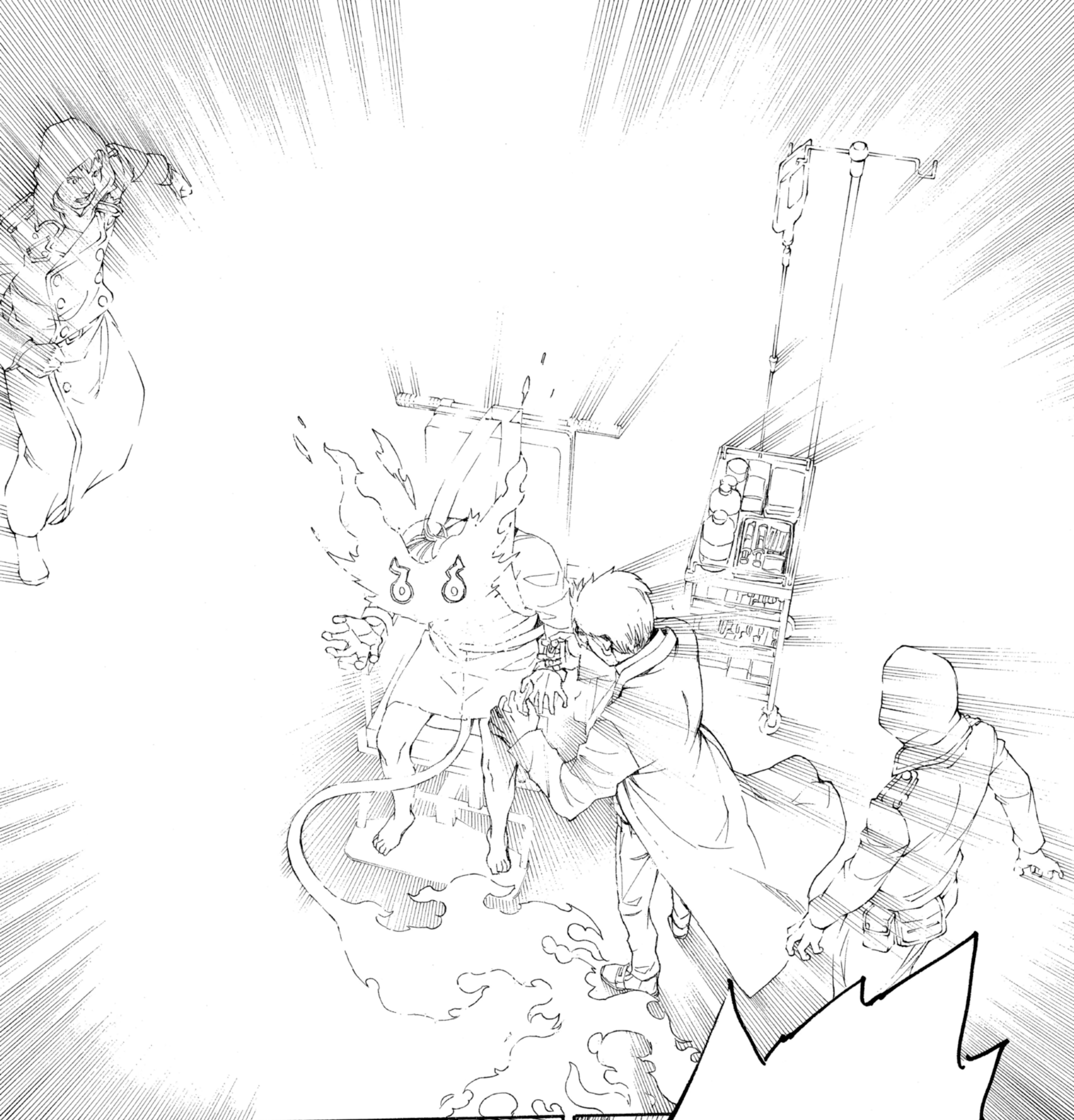
AAGH!



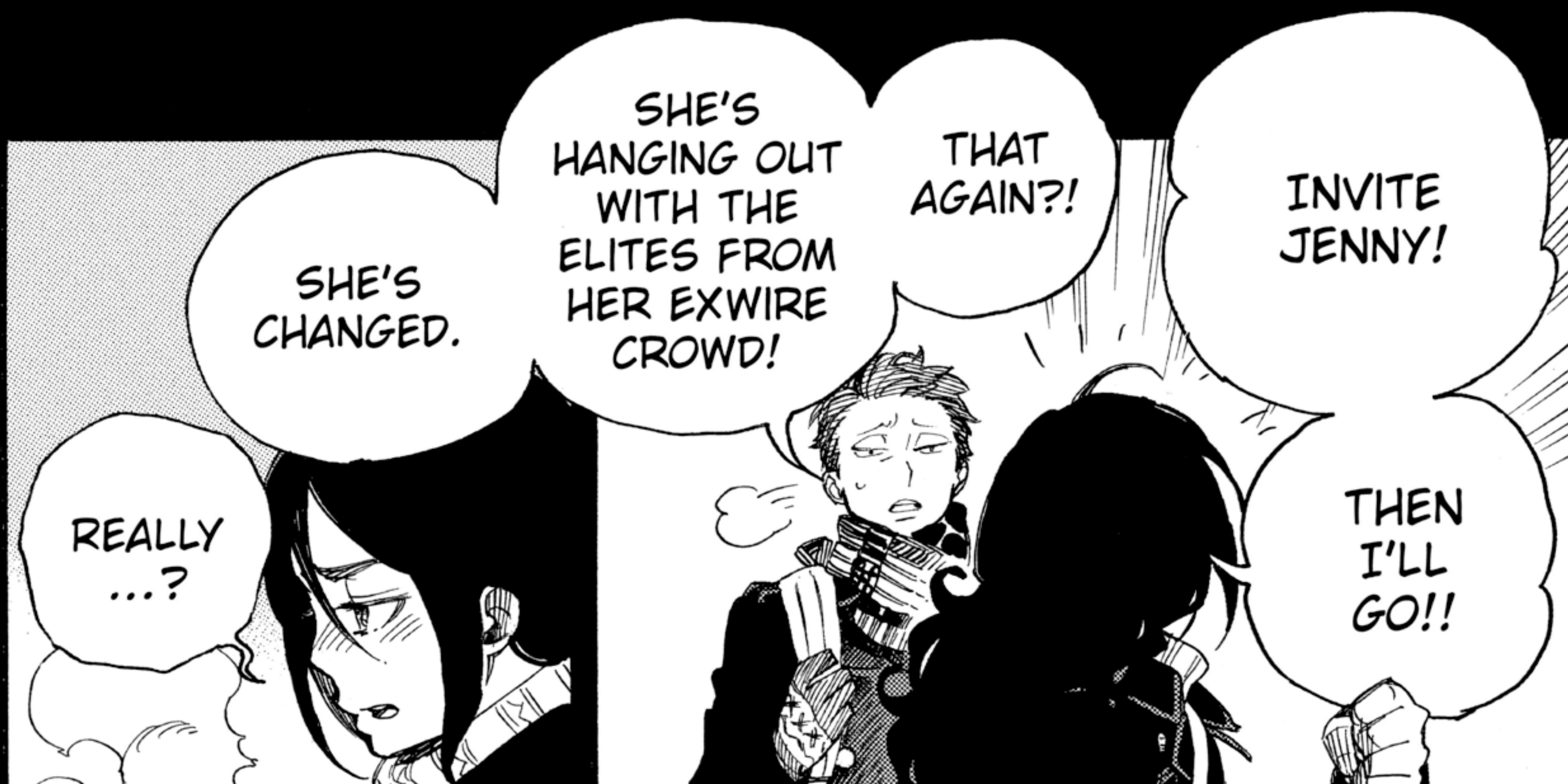
GAAAA!

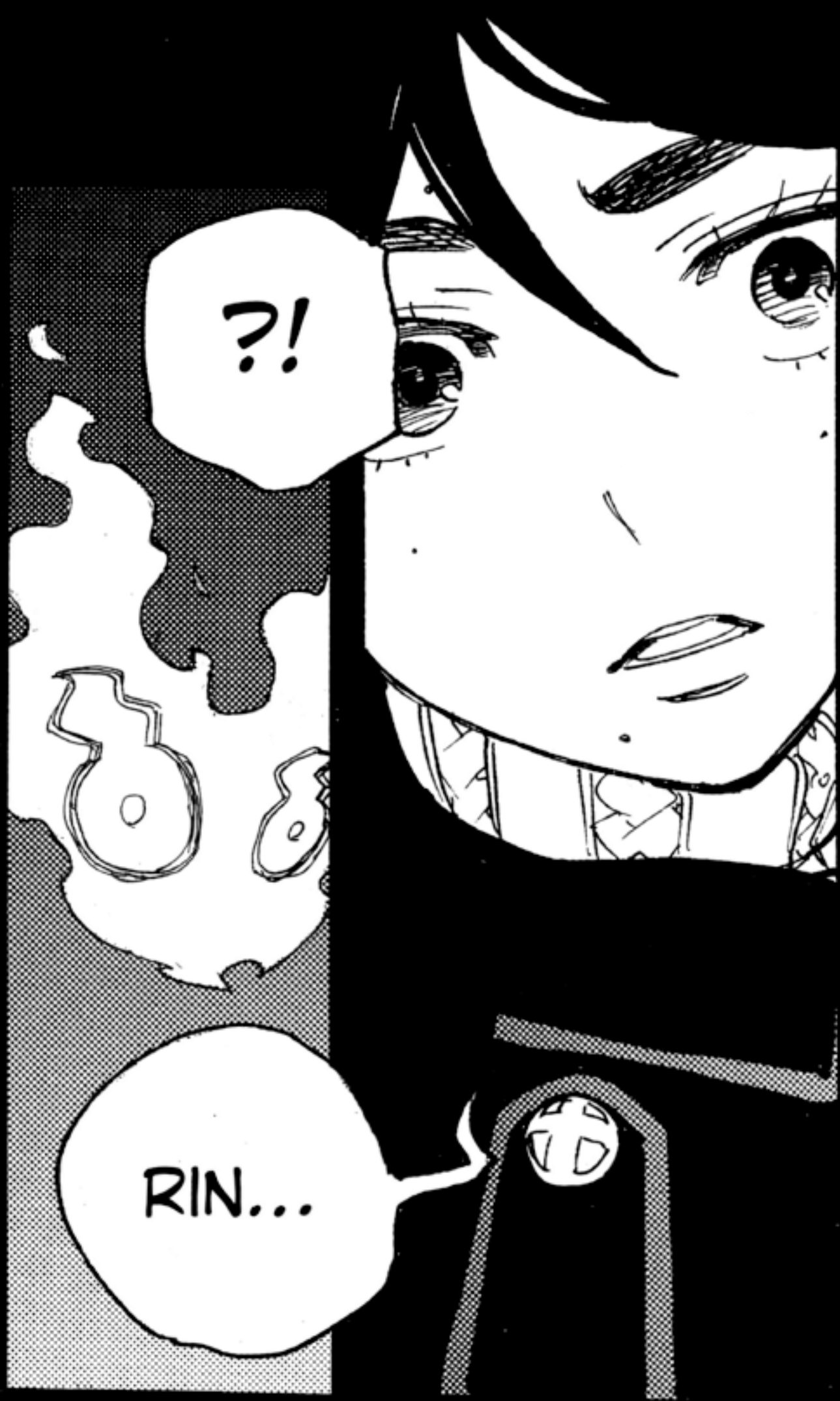
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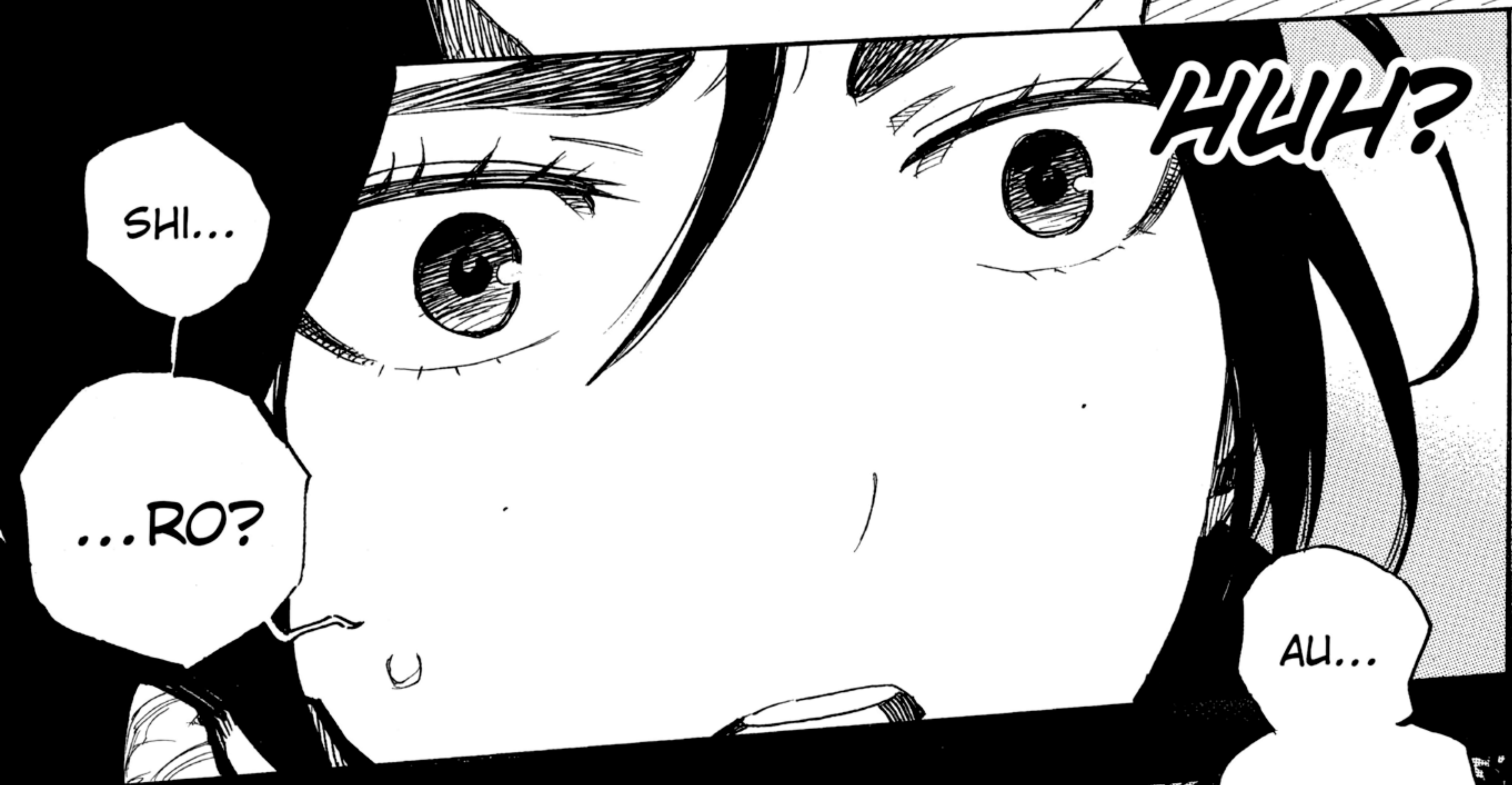
GRAAH











SHI...

...RO?

HUH?

AU...

...UU...

...U...

...I...

BOO!

NO, IT'S
NOT
SHIRO!

WHAT
?

STAY
AWAY!!

?!

...
U!



KYAAAH!

STOP
IT!

U...

...U!...

UYU...

...RI...

U...

YU...

...RI...



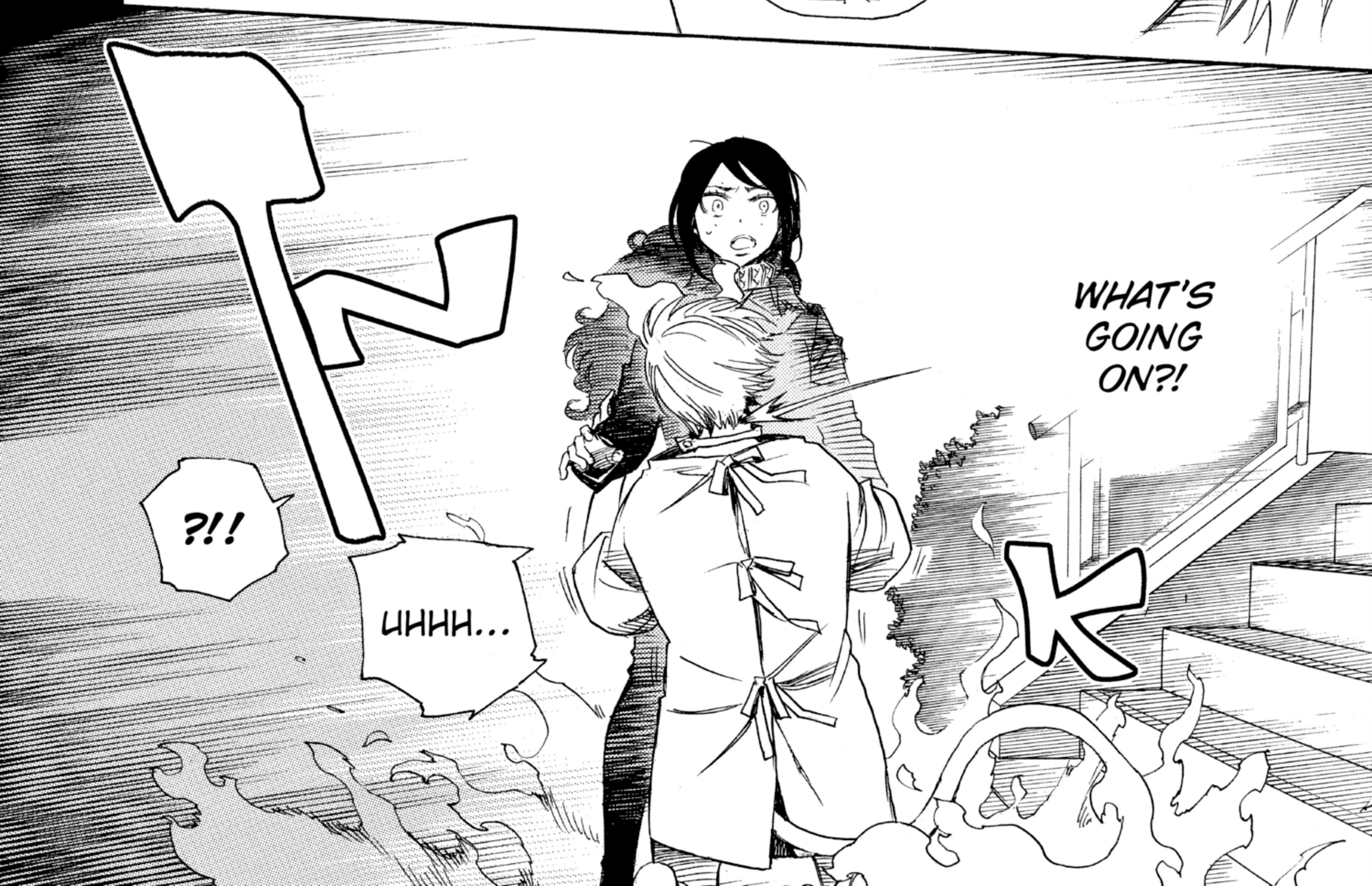
RINKA?

RINKA



CHAPTER 105: SSC









LUCKILY, THE
ANESTHESIA
IS WORKING.

I'M SORRY,
EGIN. COME
WITH US.



WHAT'S
INSIDE
HIM?

AND WHY DID
HE GO TO
THAT GIRL?



WHAT'S HER
BACK-
GROUND?

IT MAY HAVE
BEEN PURE
COINCIDENCE.

WE'RE
QUESTIONING
HER.



THERE'S
NOTHING
UNUSUAL
ABOUT HER.

ANYTHING
ELSE?

SHE WORKS
AT THE
DEMON
FARM.

...AND SHE'S
A CERTIFIED
TRAINER AND
BREEDER.

YURI EGIN, 25,
JUNIOR EXORCIST
SECOND CLASS.

SHE'S A
TAMER,
FIRST- AND
SECOND-
CLASS...



SHE'S WELL-
KNOWN AMONG
THE TAMERS.

SHE TEACHES
CRAM SCHOOL
STUDENTS AND
TAMERS...

...AND HAS
WRITTEN
SEVERAL
TEXTBOOKS.



...

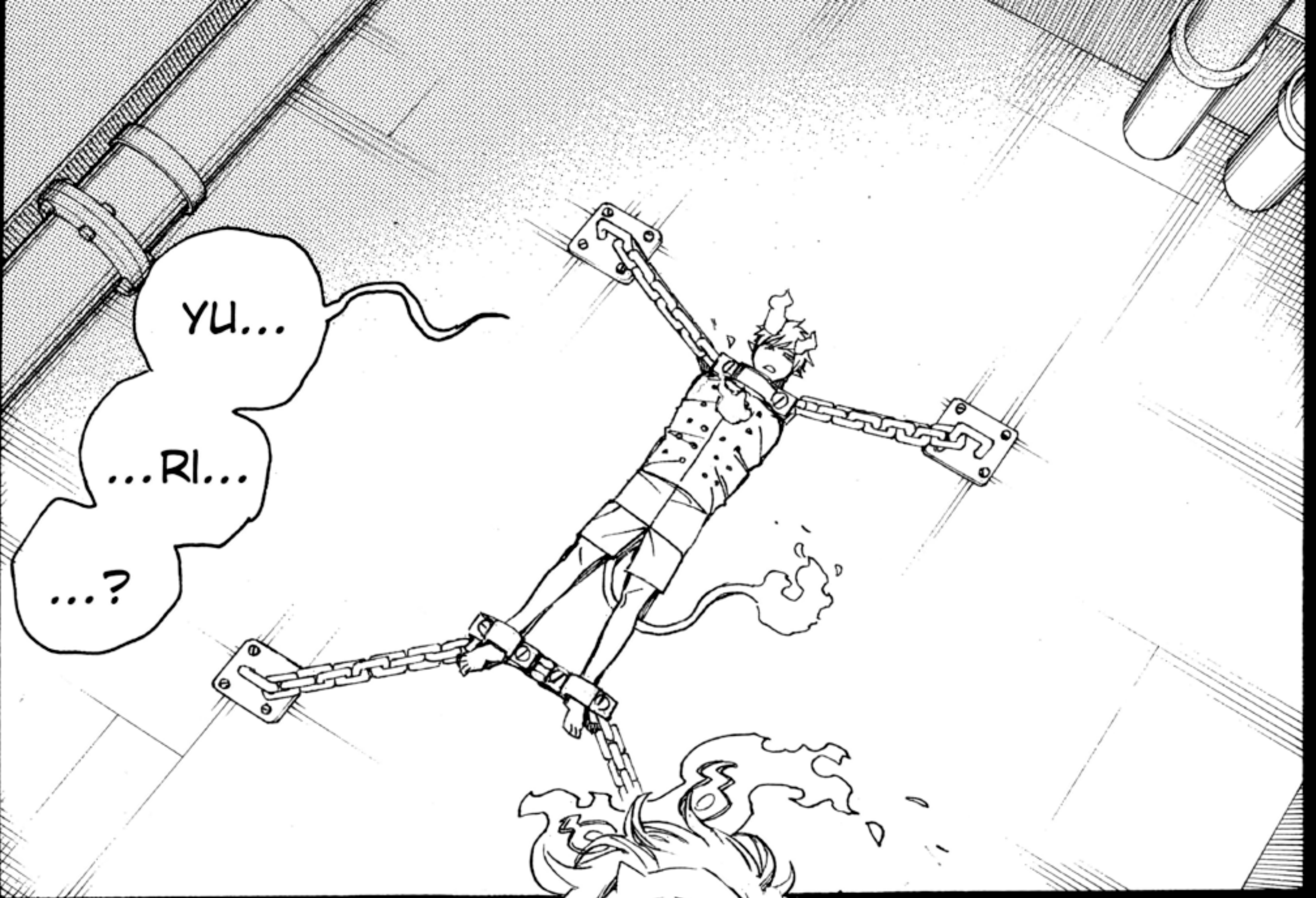


OMPH

HHHH...

...HHH...

OMPH



YU...

...RI...

...?



AAAGH!

WHAM

K
R
K

YURI!!



WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

BOOM

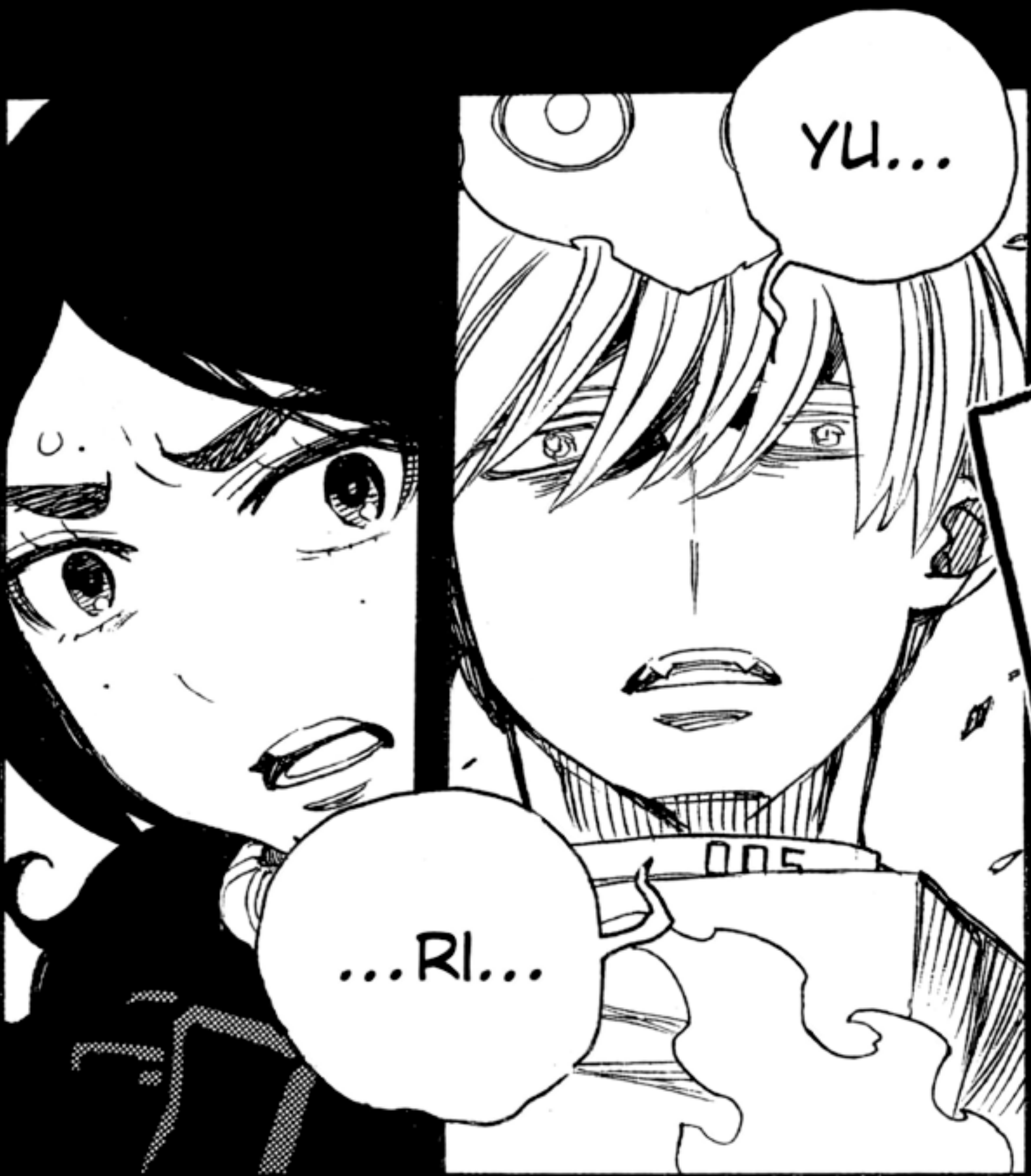
NO...

NOT
AGAIN
!!

THOOM

BOO

SH



YU...

...RI...



FIRE!!



PSHAN



ZING



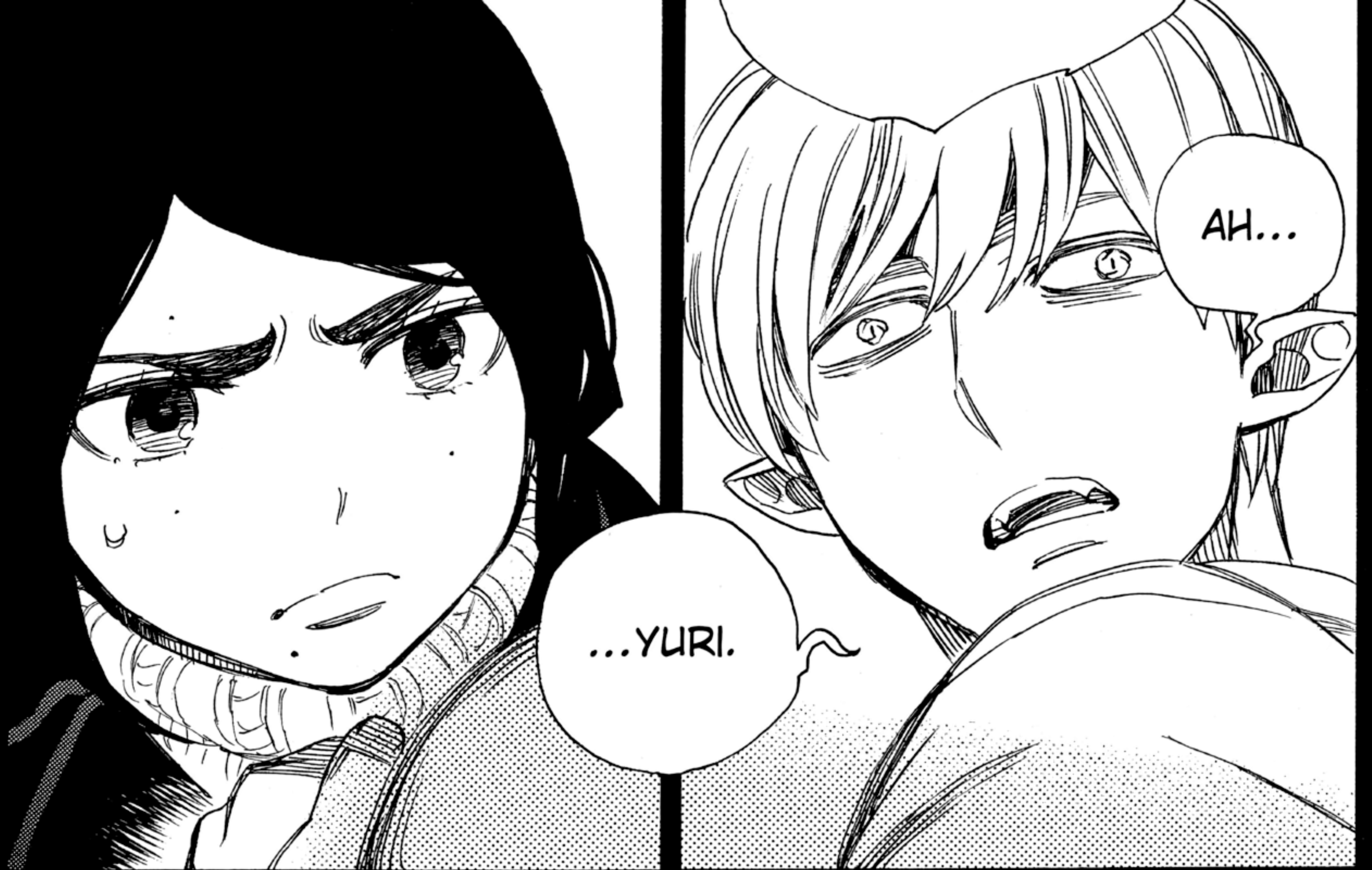
GRRR ...



BRRRR

BRRRR







HE
OBEYED
HER?!

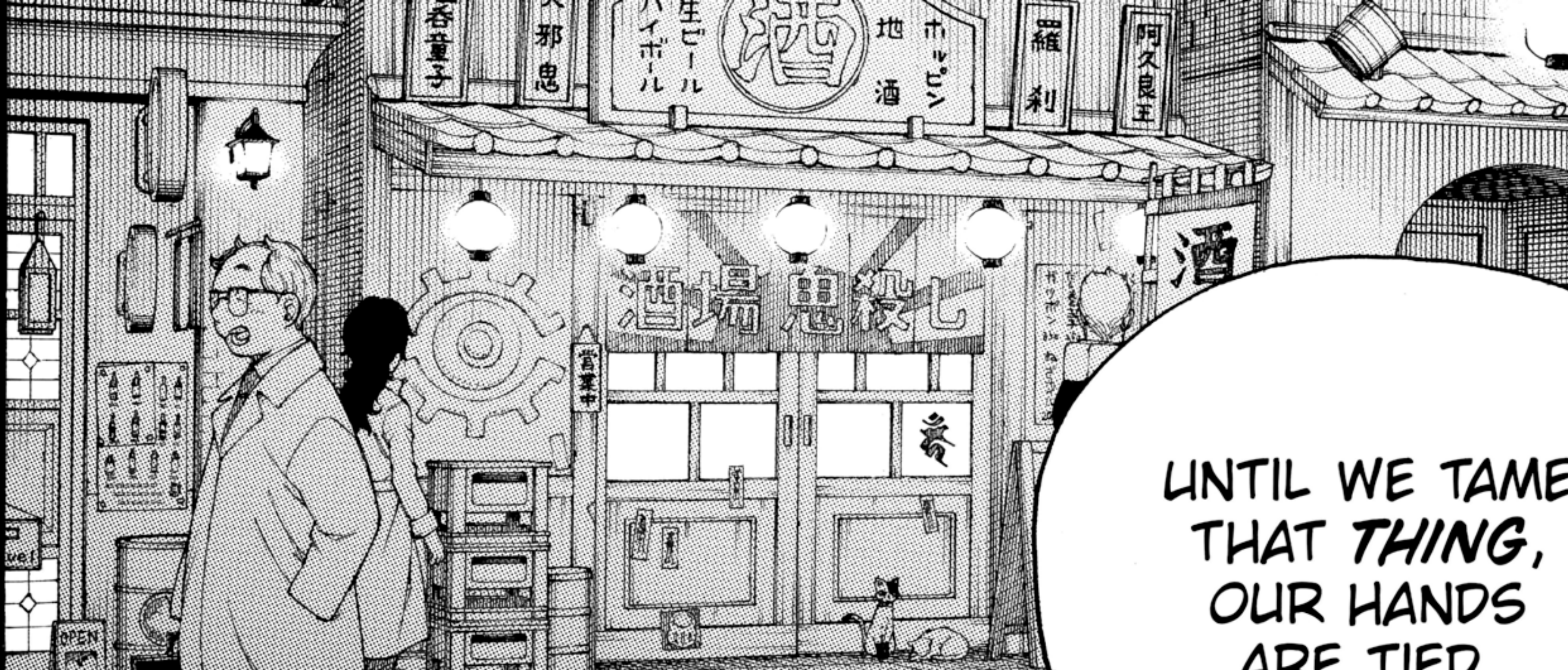
AFTER ALL, I
HEAR SHE'S
QUITE THE
TAMER!

SHALL WE
ENLIST HER
AID?

INCREIBLE
...

HE SEEMS
TO LIKE
HER.

SIR
PHELES!!

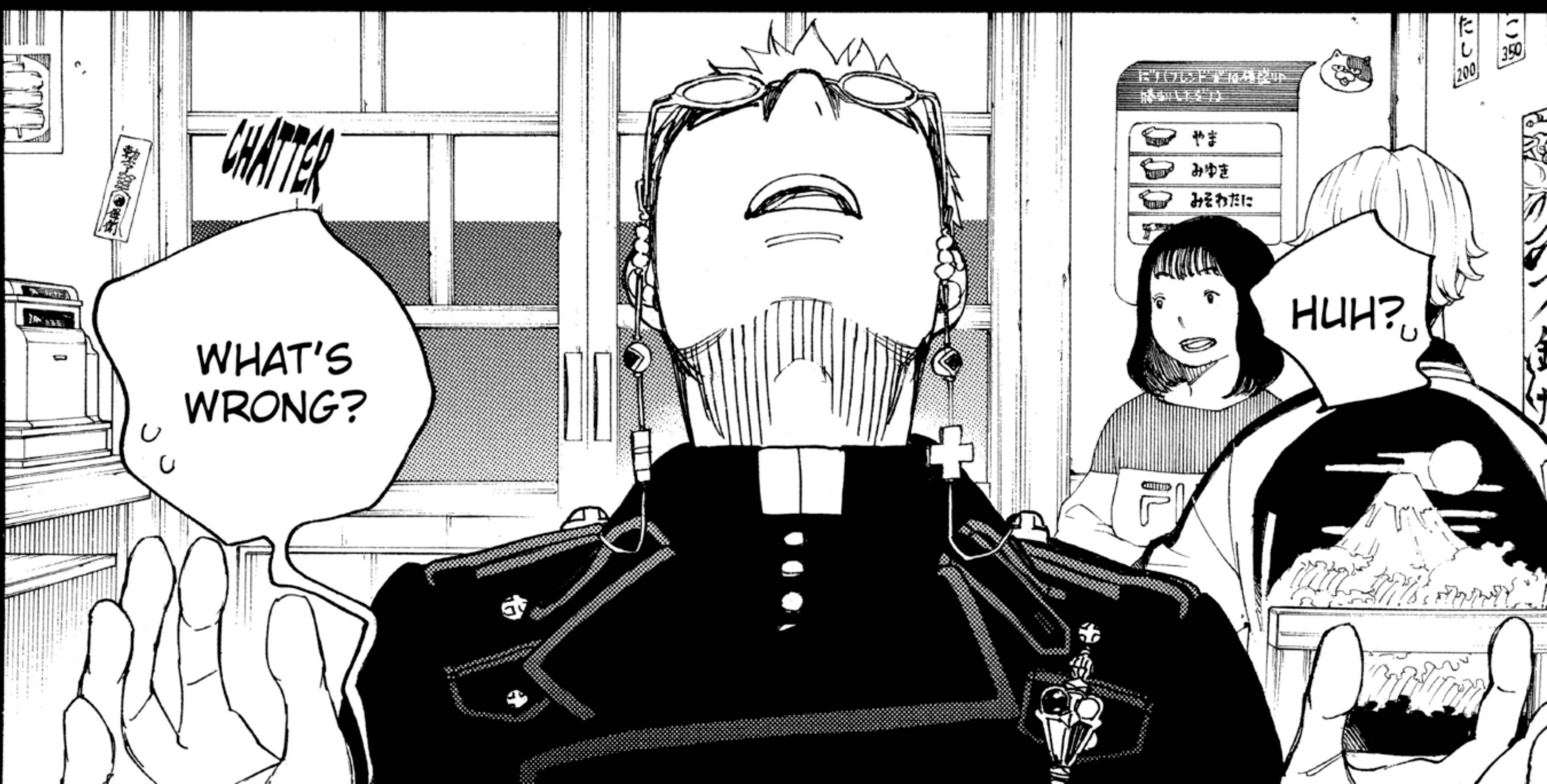


*DEMON KILLER TAVERN

UNTIL WE TAME
THAT *THING*,
OUR HANDS
ARE TIED.

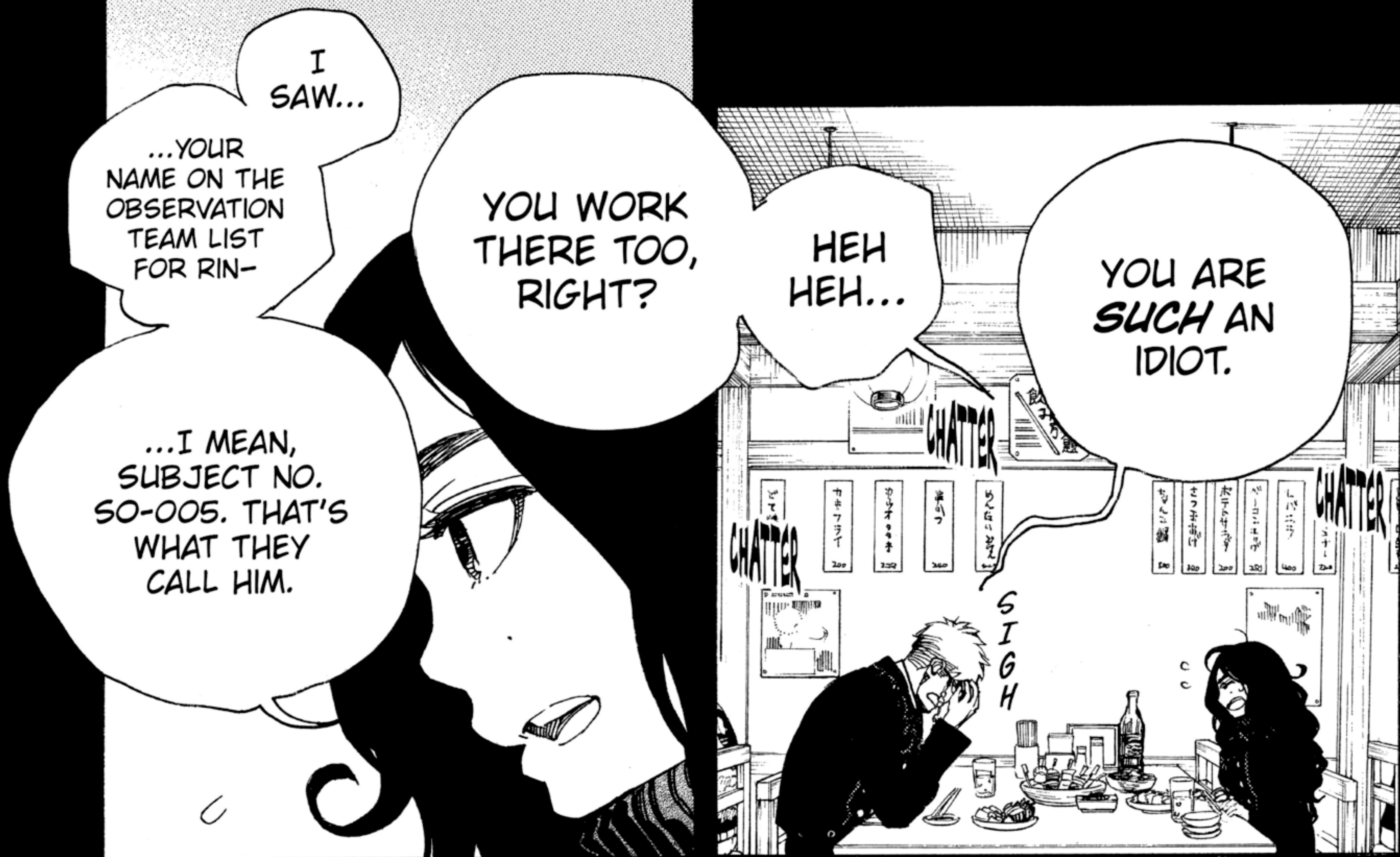


SO, I STARTED
WORKING AT
SECTION 13!



WHAT'S
WRONG?

HUH?



...YOUR
NAME ON THE
OBSERVATION
TEAM LIST
FOR RIN-

I
SAW...

YOU WORK
THERE TOO,
RIGHT?

HEH
HEH...

YOU ARE
SUCH AN
IDIOT.

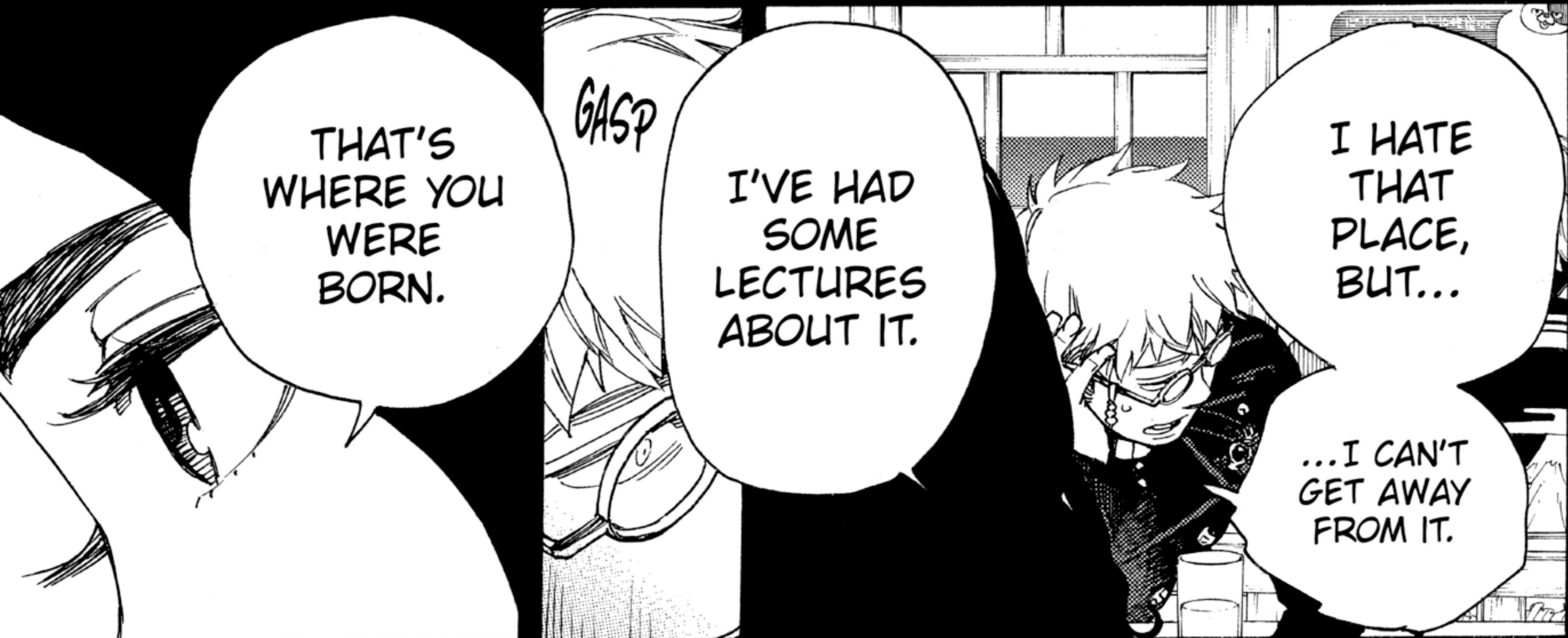
...I MEAN,
SUBJECT NO.
SO-005. THAT'S
WHAT THEY
CALL HIM.

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

SIGH



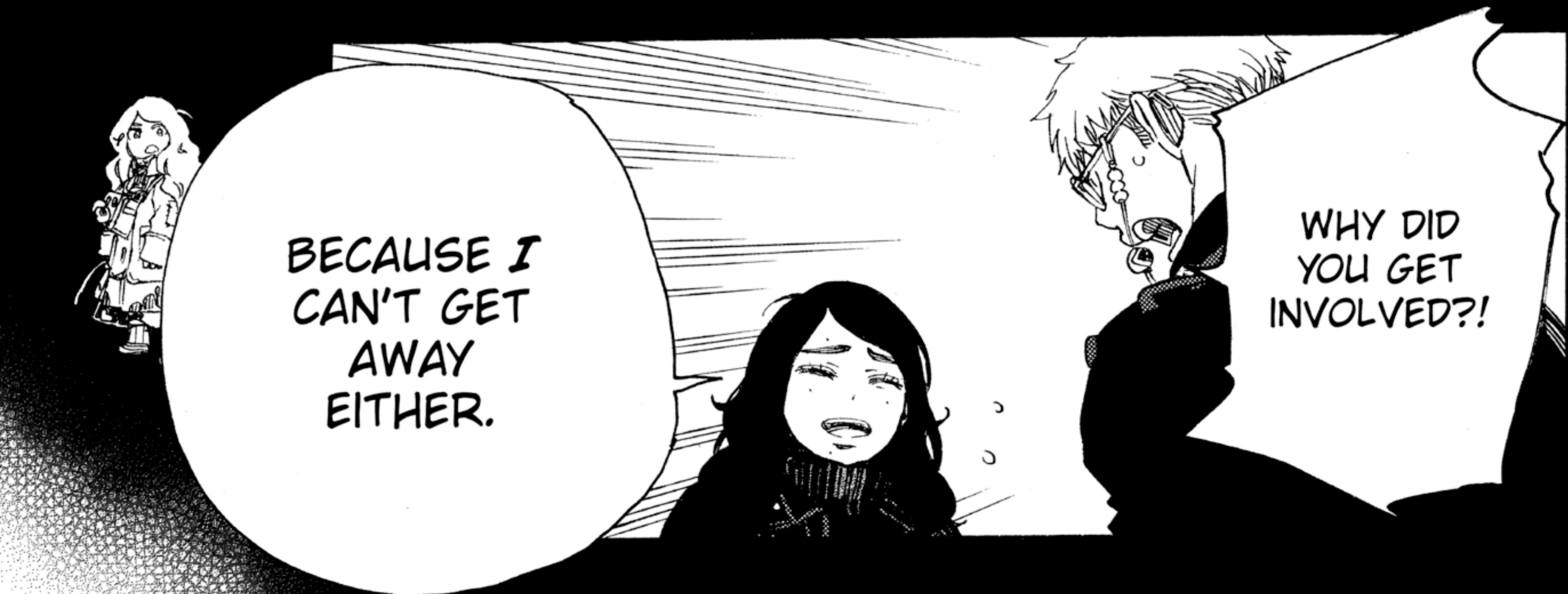
THAT'S
WHERE YOU
WERE
BORN.

GASP

I'VE HAD
SOME
LECTURES
ABOUT IT.

I HATE
THAT
PLACE,
BUT...

...I CAN'T
GET AWAY
FROM IT.



BECAUSE I
CAN'T GET
AWAY
EITHER.

WHY DID
YOU GET
INVOLVED?!



"HELLO!"

"YOU'RE
PRETTY!"

I SPOKE TO
IT DURING
OUR FIRST
ENCOUNTER.

I PLAYED WITH
THAT *RINKA*
WHEN I WAS A
CHILD.



I DIDN'T
EXPECT IT TO
POSSESS
SOMEONE...

...AND I HAD NO
IDEA IT WAS SO
HIGH LEVEL!



IT'S LIKE A
REALLY
POWERFUL
BABY.

IT DOESN'T
REALIZE IT'S
KILLED
PEOPLE.





...WHAT'RE YOU WAITIN' FOR?!

C'MON, MAN...

OW!



IF YOU HURT YURI, I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT!

HEY! DID YOU TWO HAVE A FIGHT?

AT THE END OF THE YEAR, I'M EVERYONE'S DRINKIN' BUDDY!

SLAP

Don't sit here.

ARE YOU DRUNK, RICK?



YURI'S ACTUALLY POPULAR!

SO DON'T COME CRYIN' TO ME...



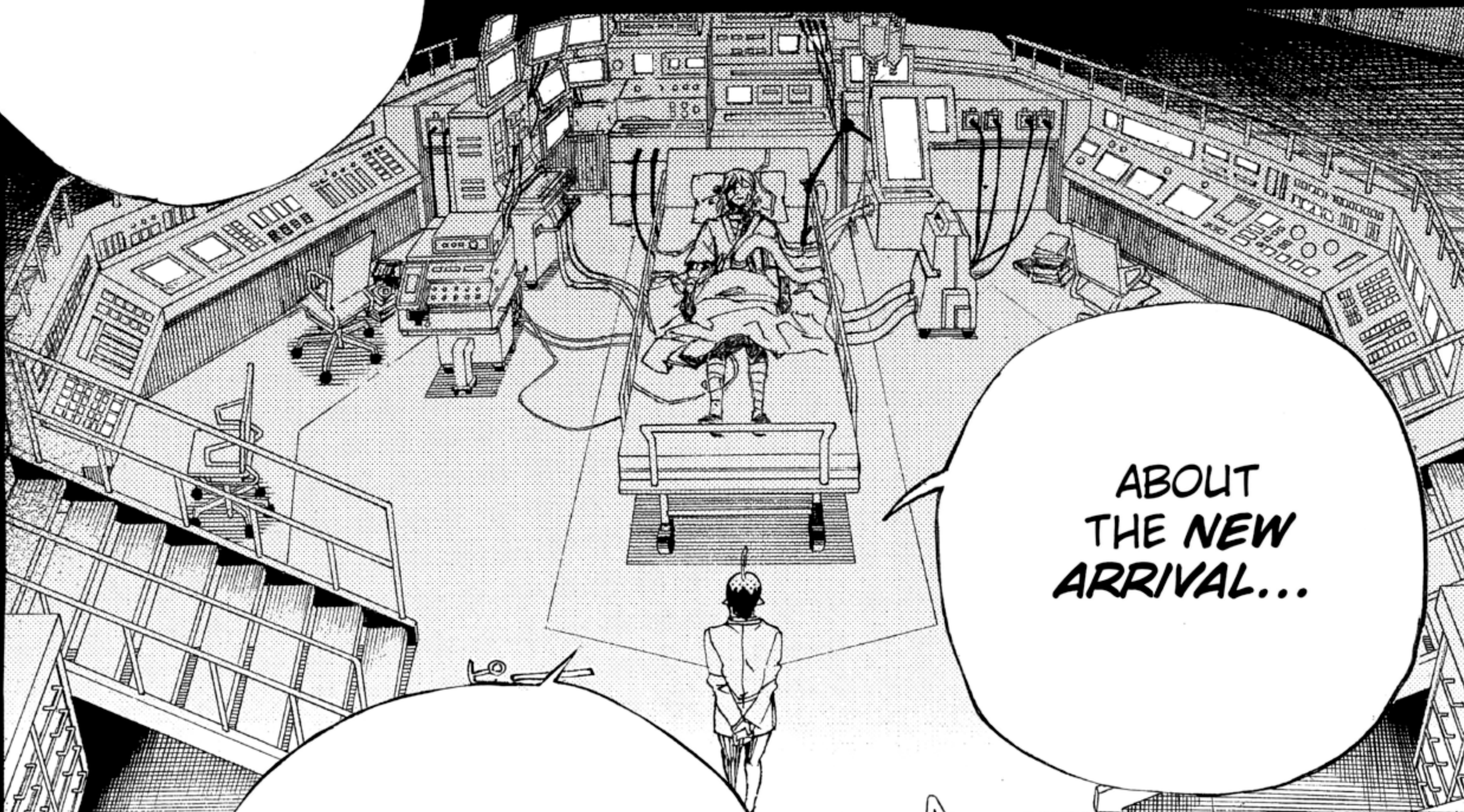
YOU LIKE HER, RIGHT?



...WHEN SOMEONE ELSE SNATCHES HER UP!



LUCIFER...

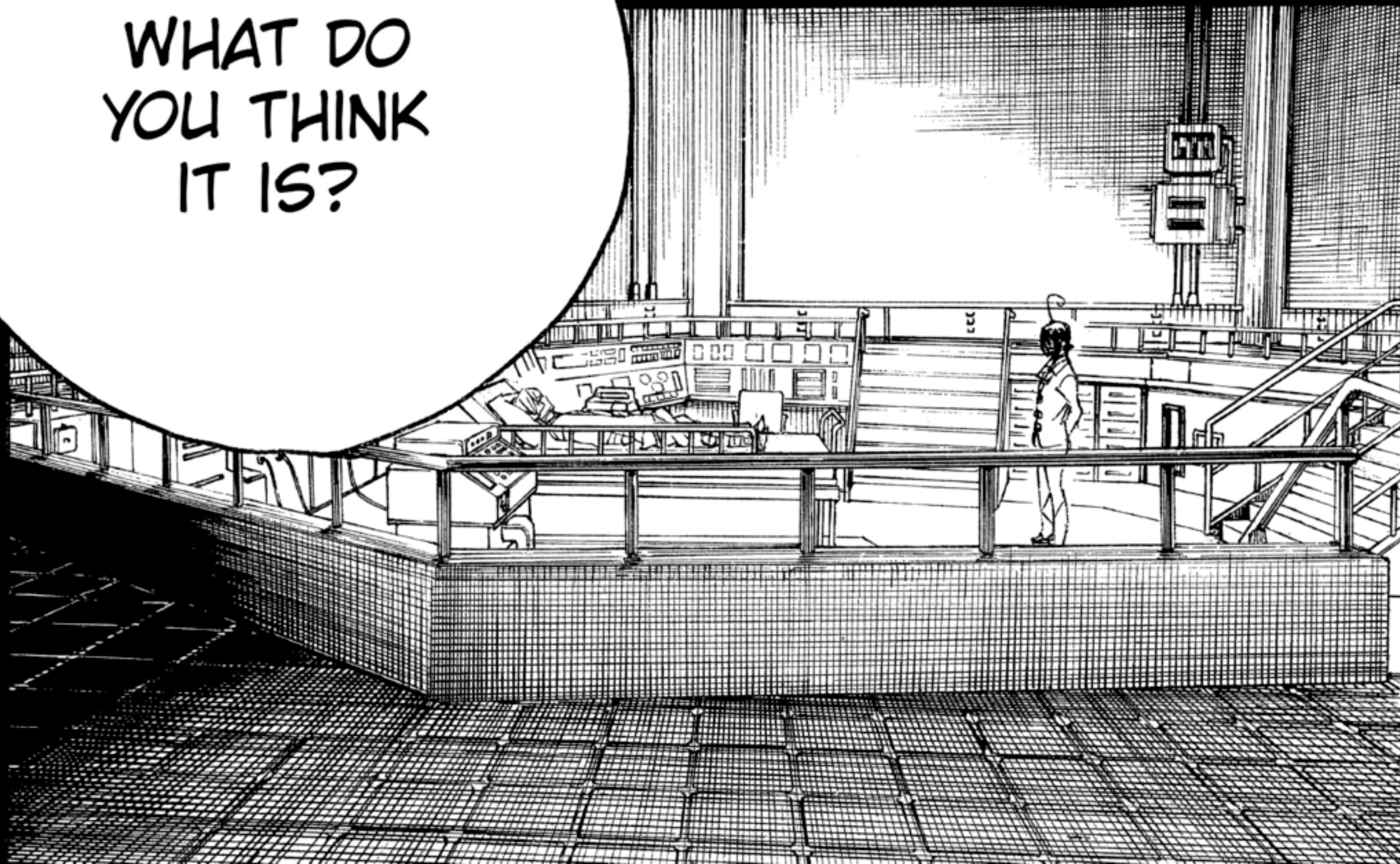


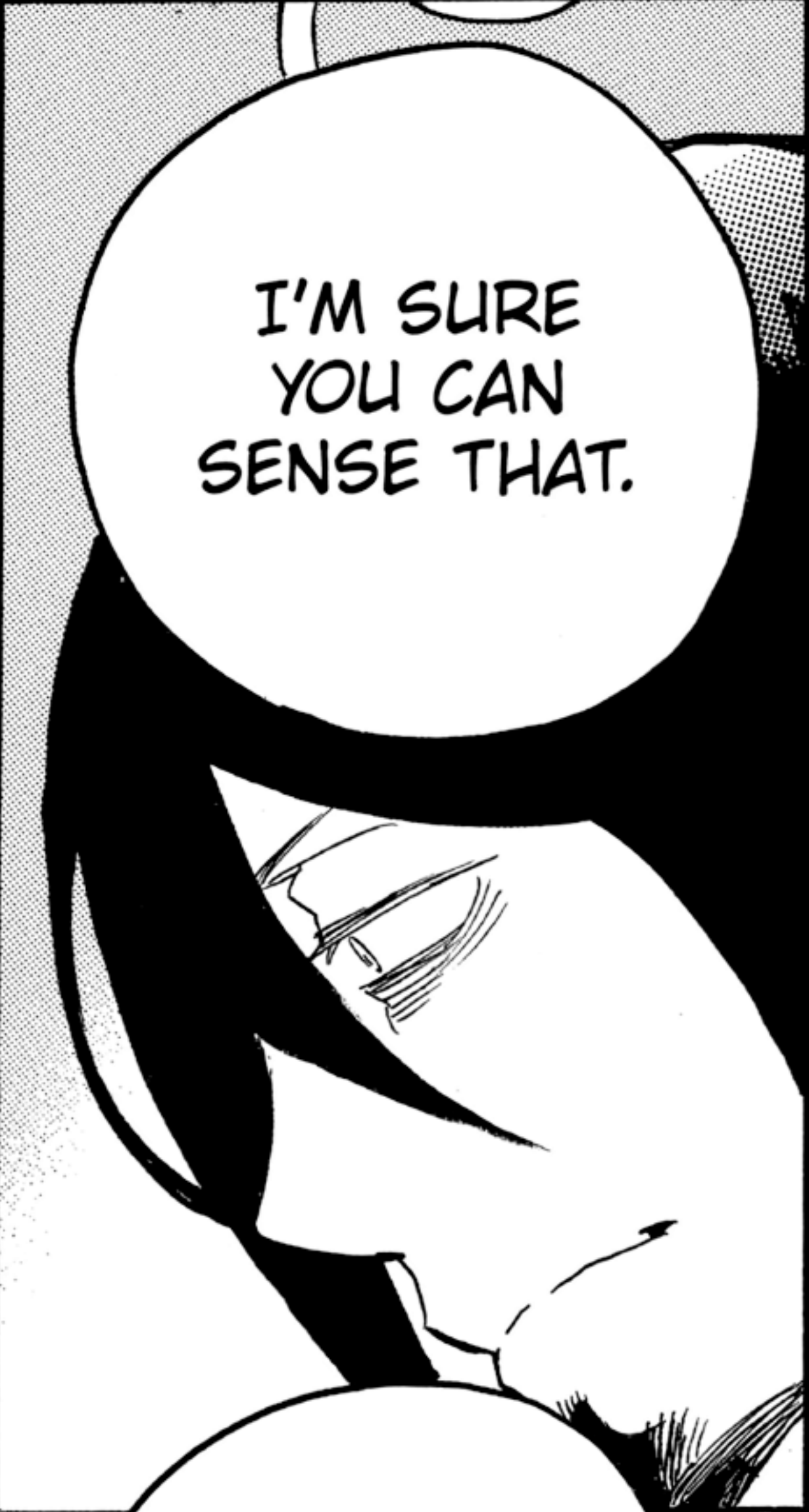
ABOUT
THE NEW
ARRIVAL...

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
IT IS?




SWIK





I'M SURE
YOU CAN
SENSE THAT.



IT IS CONNECTED
TO EVERY
PHENOMENON IN
EXISTENCE.



*IT
IS...*

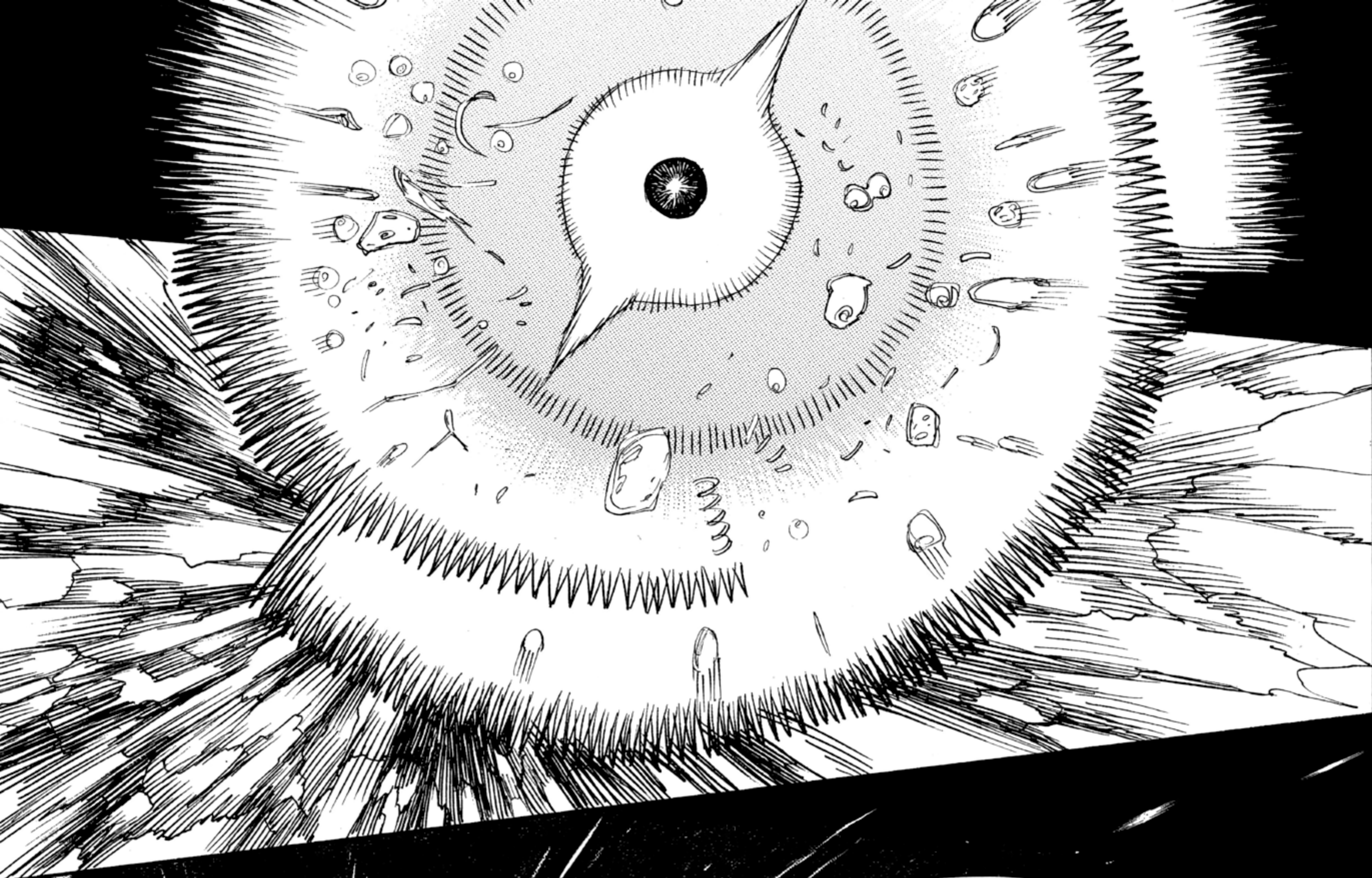


RINKA?



WHAT ARE
YOU
LOOKING
AT?

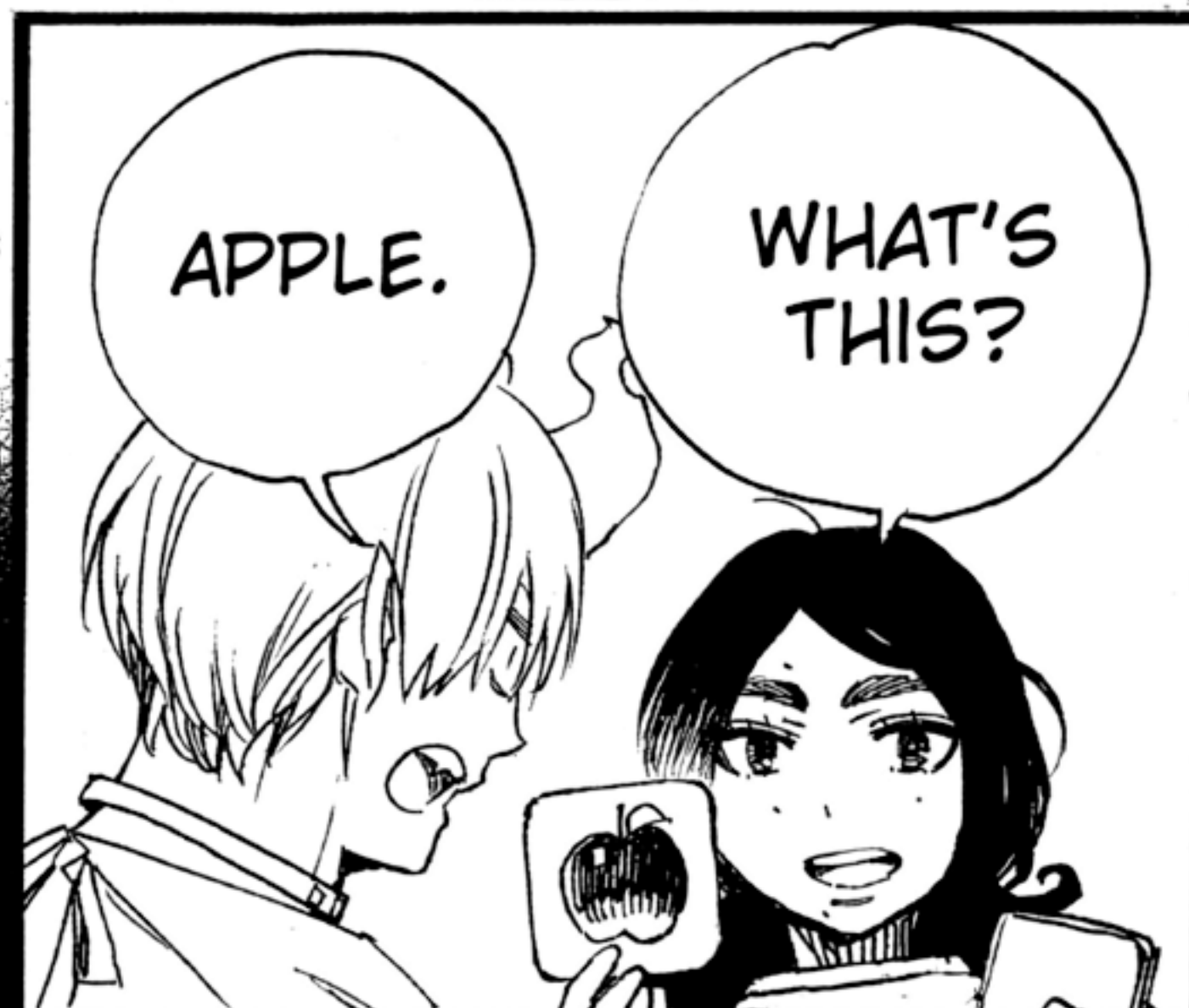




**...THAT WHICH
GAVE BIRTH TO
US ALL! IT IS
ALL OF
CREATION!**

**LET'S
EAT!**







I'M SICK OF THIS ONE.

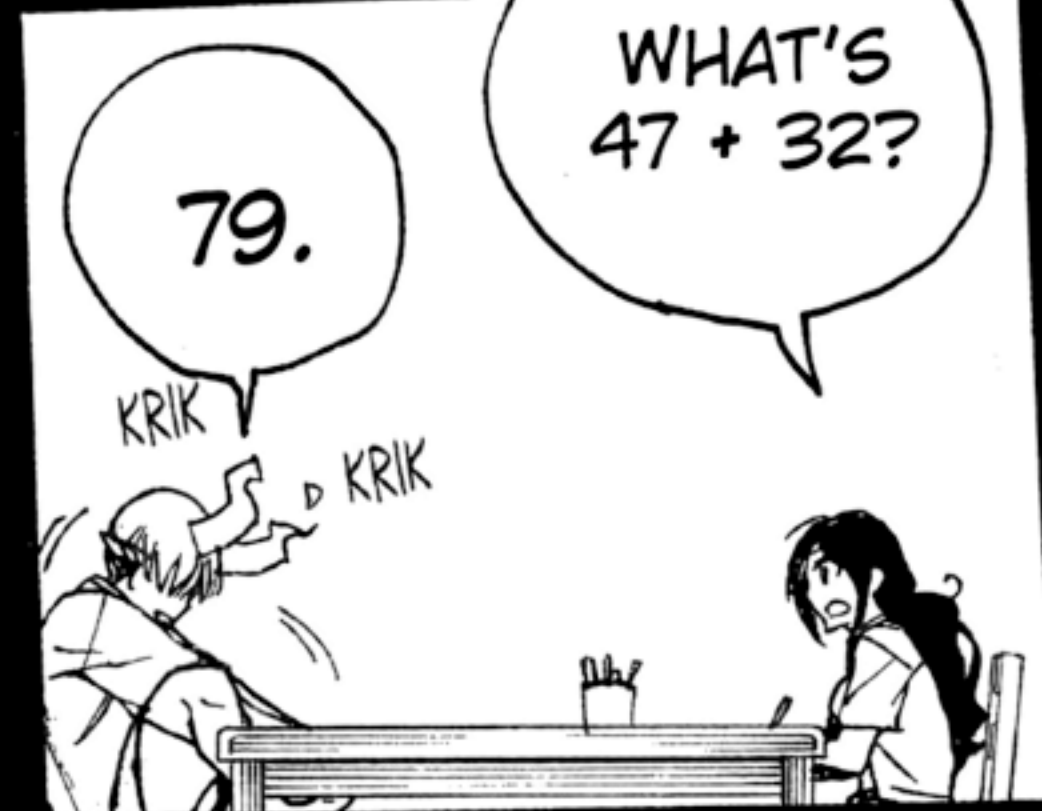
I like studying, but...

MY FIRST ERRAND



AND 529 + 84?

613.

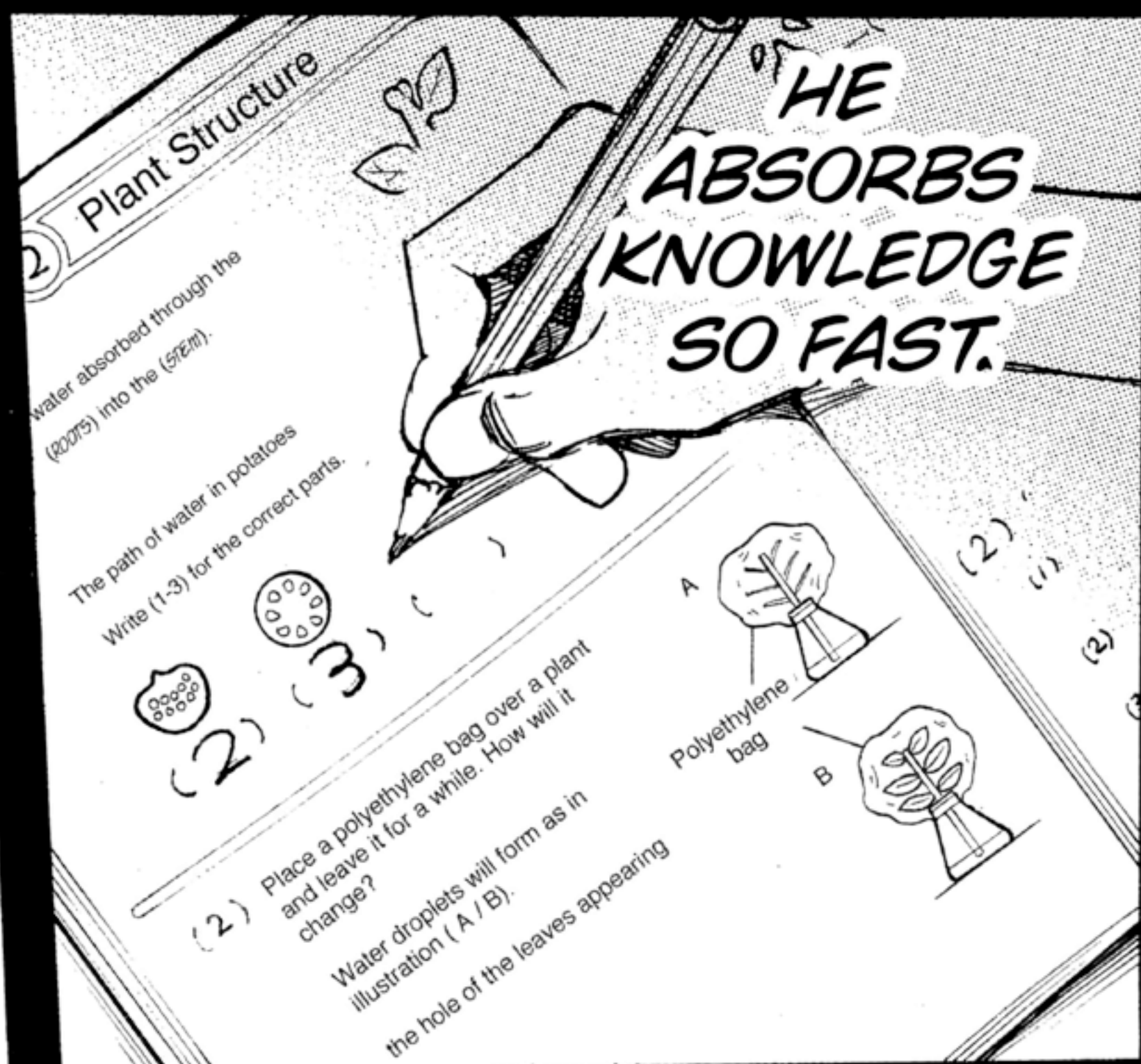


79.

WHAT'S 47 + 32?

KRIK

KRIK



Plant Structure

water absorbed through the (20275) into the (51221).

The path of water in potatoes Write (1-3) for the correct parts.

(2) (3)

(2) Place a polyethylene bag over a plant and leave it for a while. How will it change? Water droplets will form as in illustration (A / B).

Polyethylene bag

A B

HE ABSORBS KNOWLEDGE SO FAST.



THIS IS BORING. I WANT HARDER PROBLEMS.

523 ÷ 6?

87.16666...



AND 46 X 9?

414.



GAH!

HOWEVER...

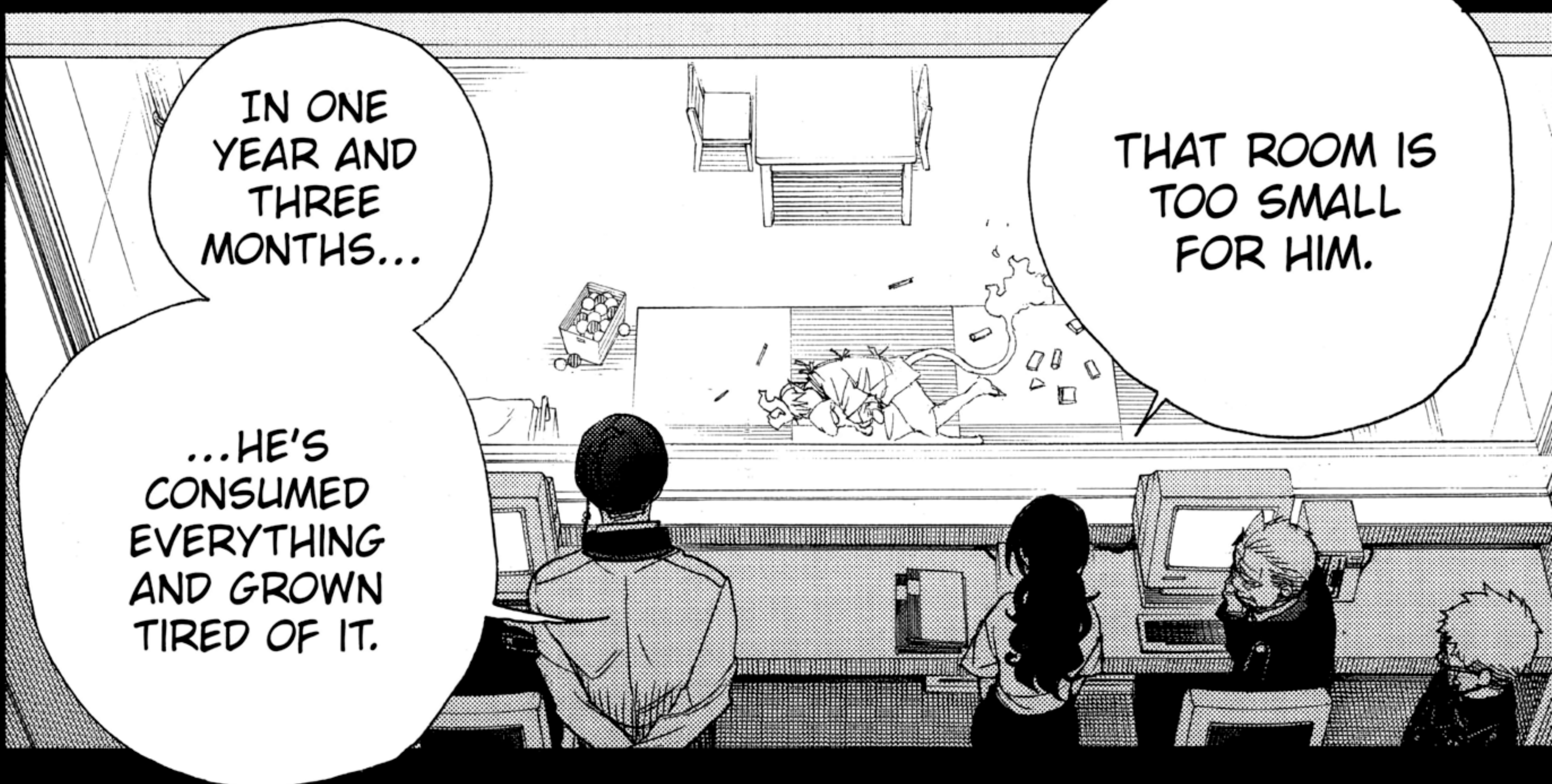


WAAAAAH!



I WAS JUST MAKING HOLES.

WHY DID YOU KILL THEM?





NO...

...NOT
YET!

THEN
LET'S
RAISE THE
BAR.

I'LL HAVE NEW
EDUCATIONAL
MATERIALS
DELIVERED.

IT WON'T BE
LONG BEFORE
HE *EXPLODES*.

WITHOUT
EXPERIENCE,
TOO MUCH
INFORMATION
COULD BE
DANGEROUS!



WOULDN'T
THAT BE
DANGEROUS?

HE'S KILLED
MANY STAFF
MEMBERS, SO I
DOUBT ANYONE
WOULD BE
WILLING.

WE HAVE TO
EXPAND HIS
WORLD. CAN WE
AT LEAST LET
HIM MEET
SOMEONE ELSE?



RRMMMM
YES,
PLEASE!

AFTER ALL, WE
WANT TO BEGIN
ABILITY TESTS
AND ELIXIR
EXPERIMENTATION
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

BUT I WILL
ASK FOR
VOLUNTEERS.

...
I
SUPPOSE
NOT.



...THAN
JUST
STANDING
AROUND
WATCHING.

ANYWAY, I
THOUGHT
HELPING OUT
WOULD BE
BETTER...



DON'T GET
THE WRONG
IDEA.

BUT-

THANK
YOU!!

IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS,
I'LL KILL
HIM.

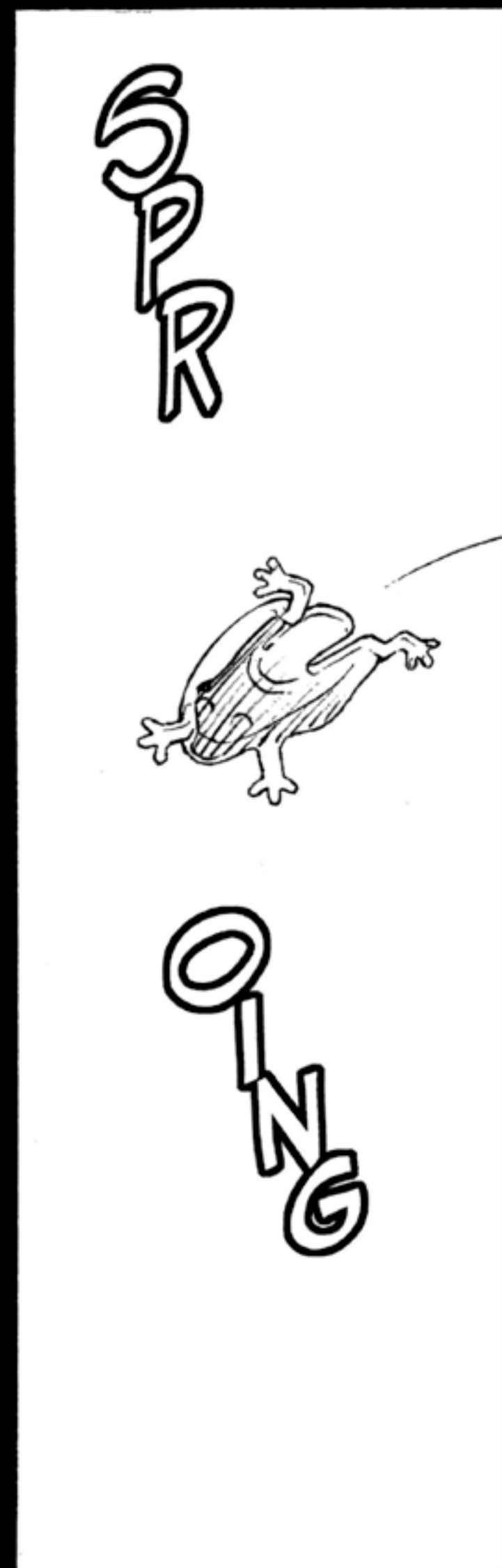
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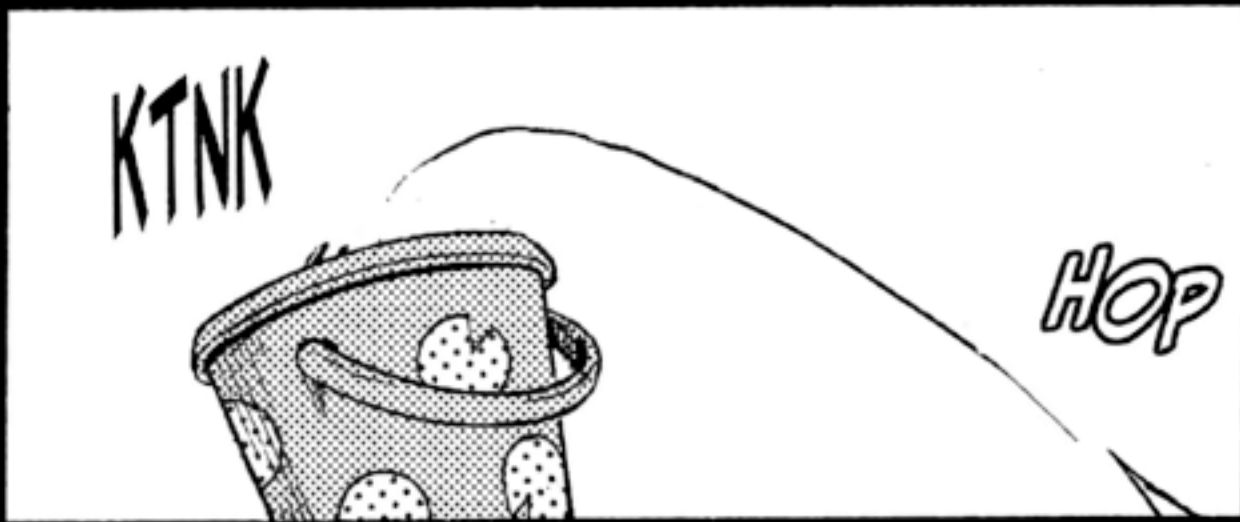


RINKA...

...TODAY WE
HAVE A
VISITOR.







I CAN DO IT!!

ARGH!



YOU DO IT LIKE THIS.



YOU MISSED.



AW...



YOU SUCK!

WA HA HA!

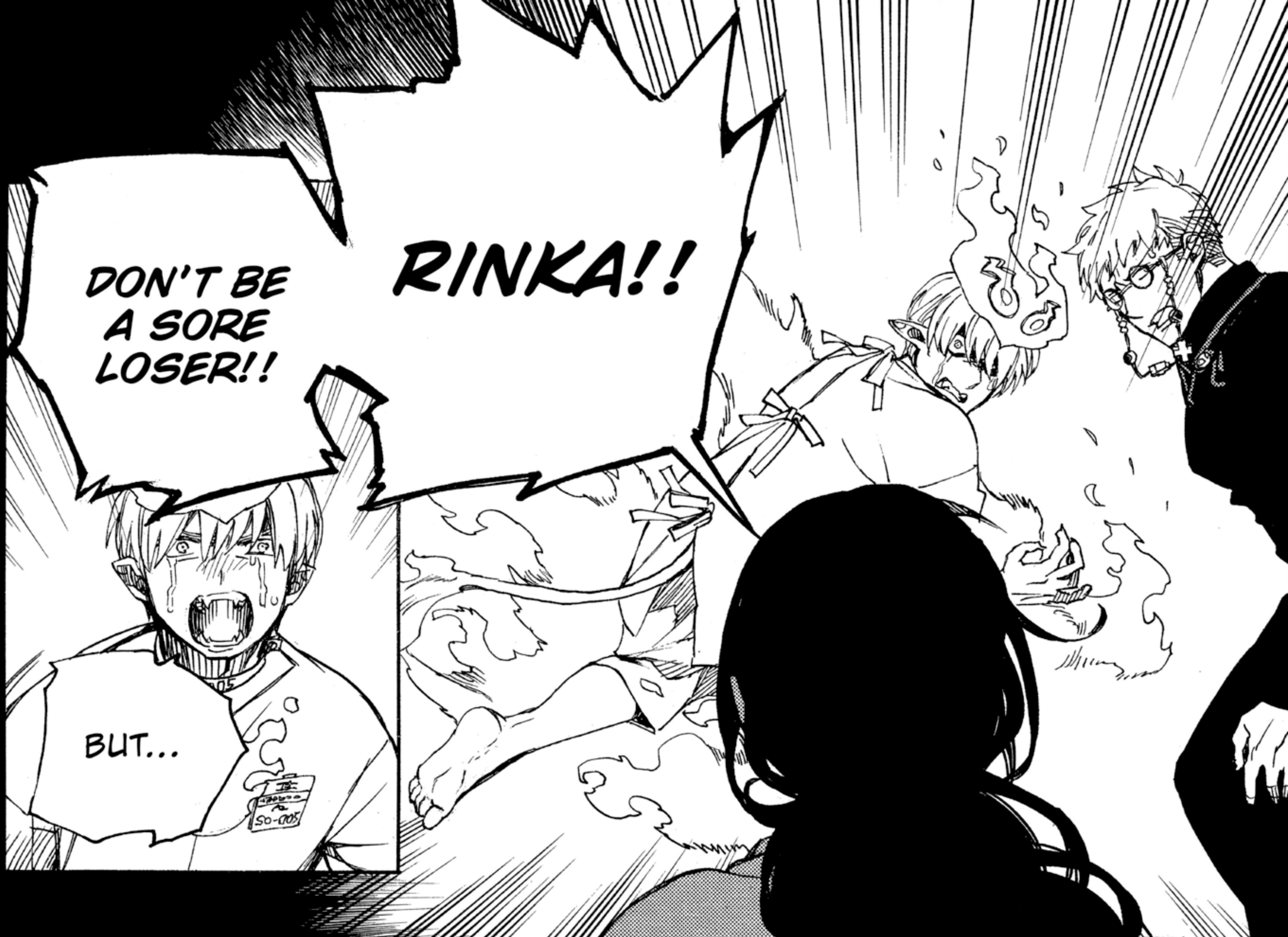
You're so serious!!



WAIT, SHIRO!!

KSHAK

BWSH



DON'T BE
A SORE
LOSER!!

RINKA!!

BUT...



WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?



And Shiro's
mean!



...I HATE
TO LOSE.

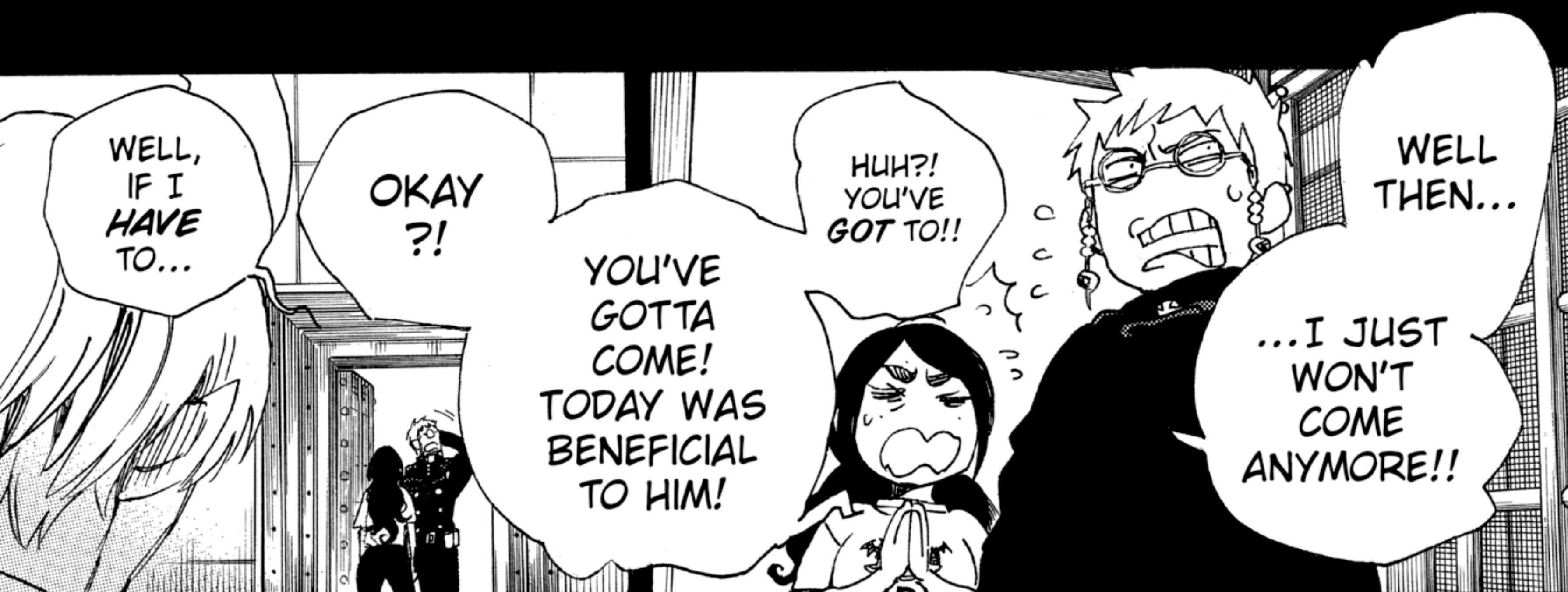


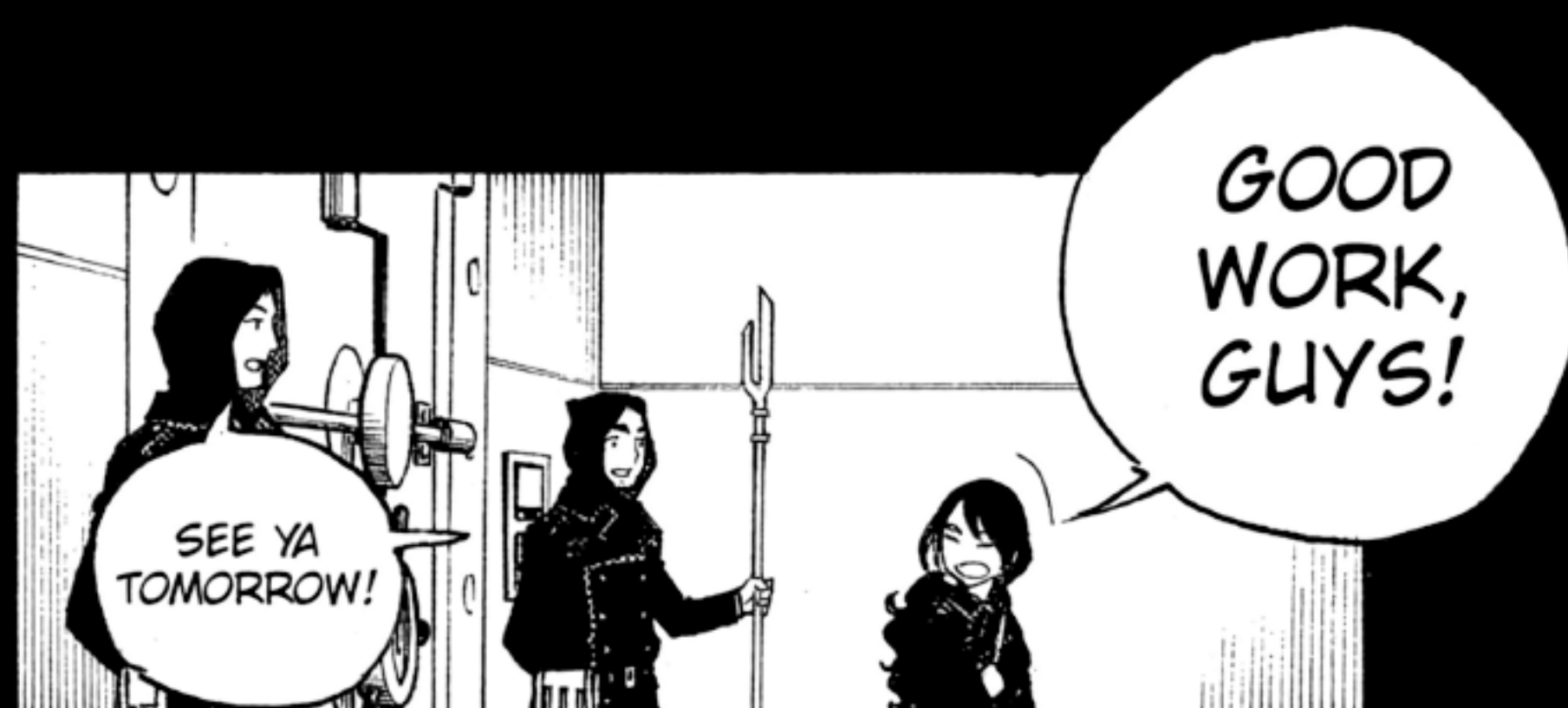
...THEN
YOU HAVE
TO
PRACTICE!

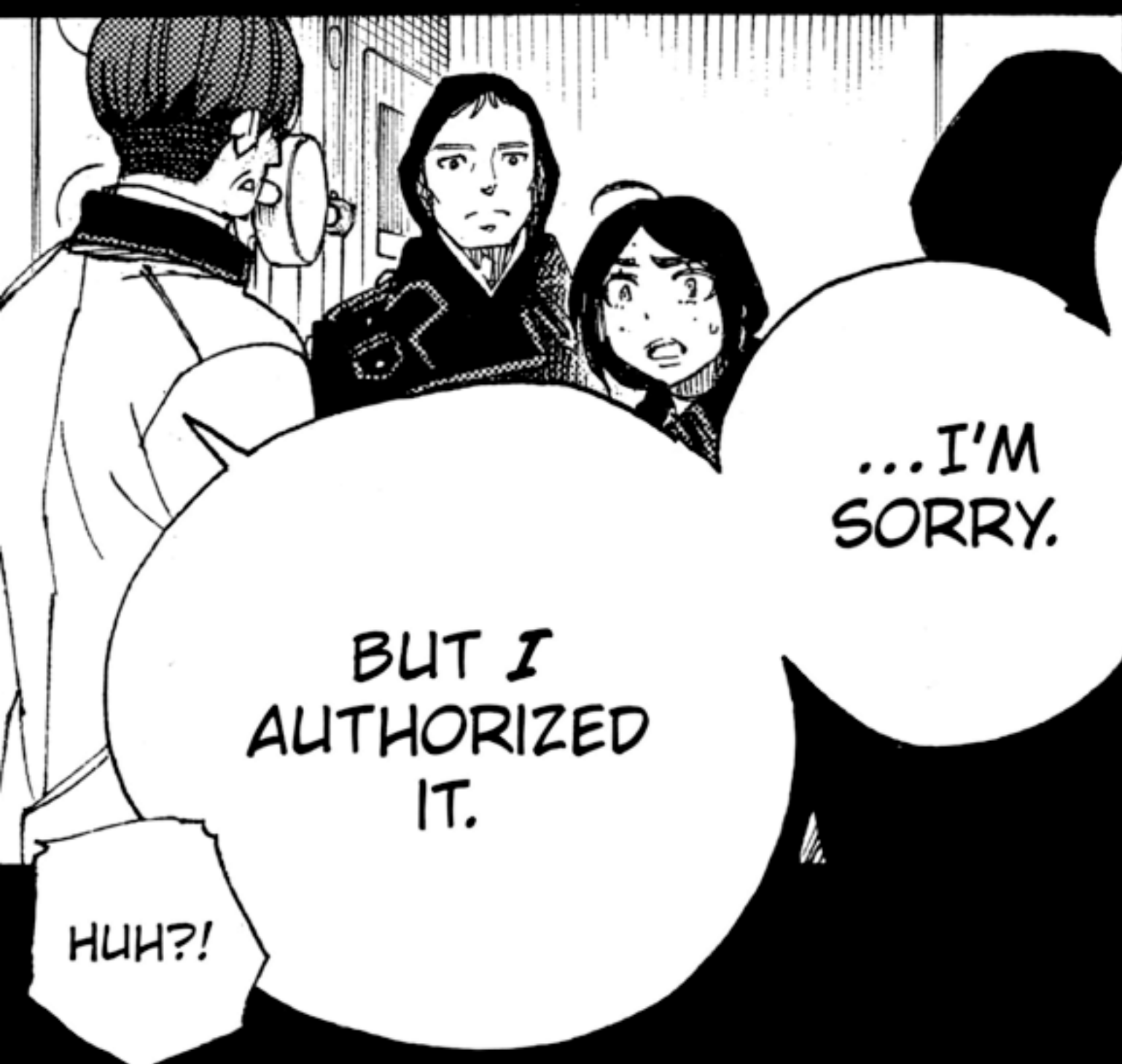
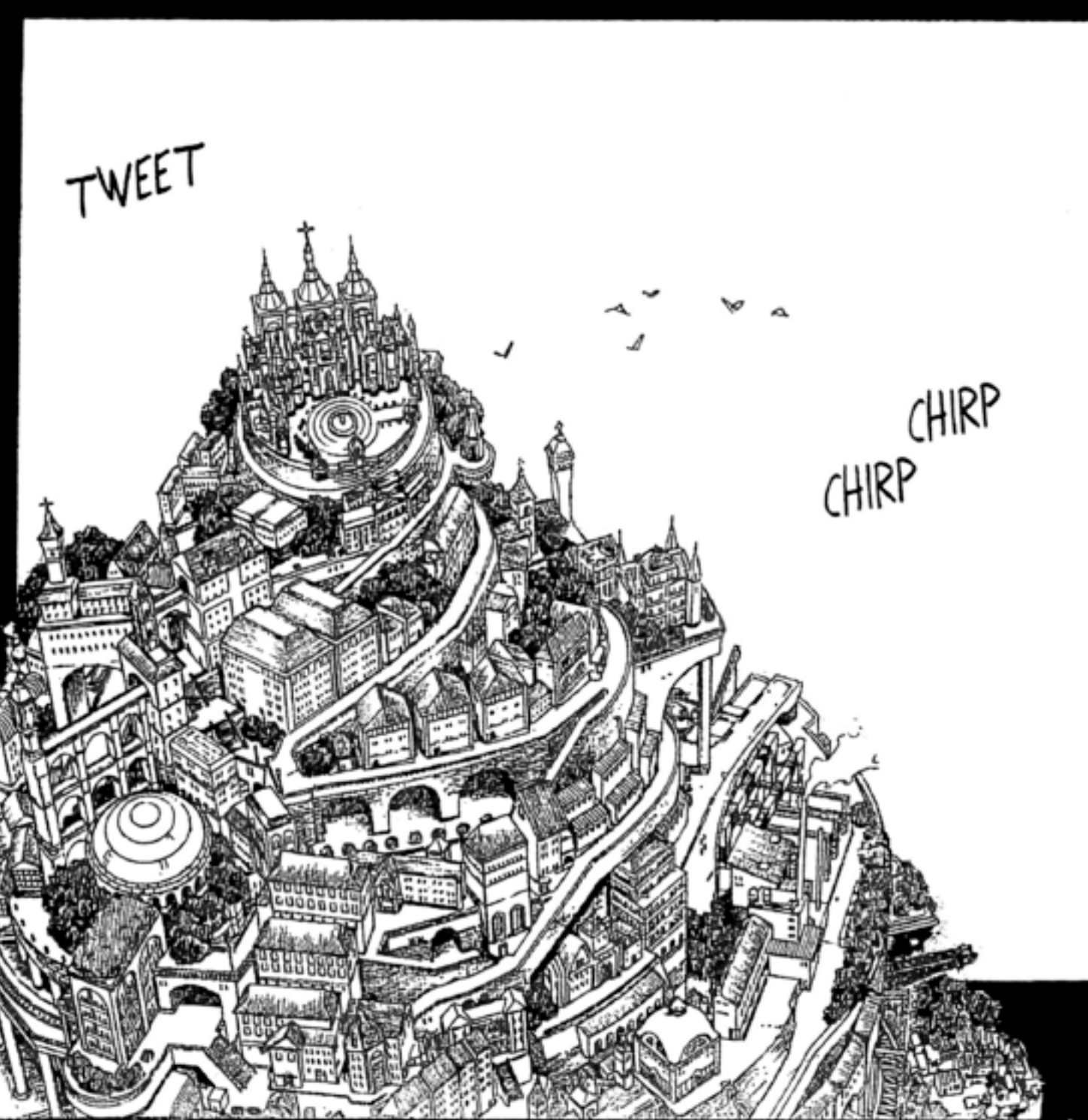
IF YOU
WANT TO
BE BETTER
THAN
SHIRO...

I'M
GONNA
BEAT HIM!!

I WANT
TO WIN.









OH NO!

I WAS WORRIED, BUT...

...HE'S BEEN READING CALMLY AND HASN'T HARMED THE GUARD.

HE TOOK A GUARD HOSTAGE AND DEMANDED BOOKS.

HE WANTED AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE BEFORE YOU REPORTED FOR DUTY.

TNK



AND STAY SHARP!

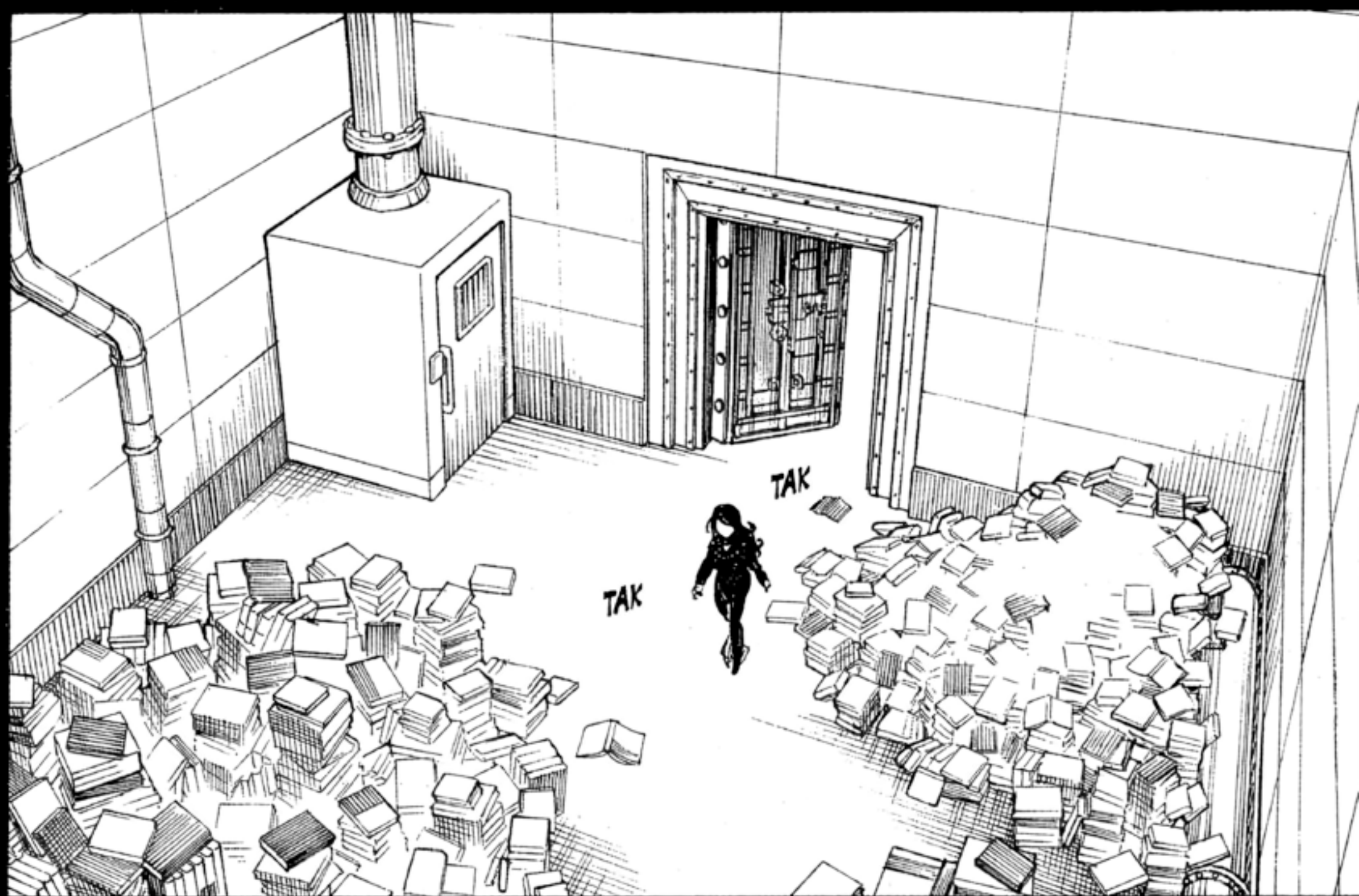
EVERYONE ELSE SHOULD WAIT HERE.

I'LL GO NEGOTIATE FOR THE HOSTAGE.



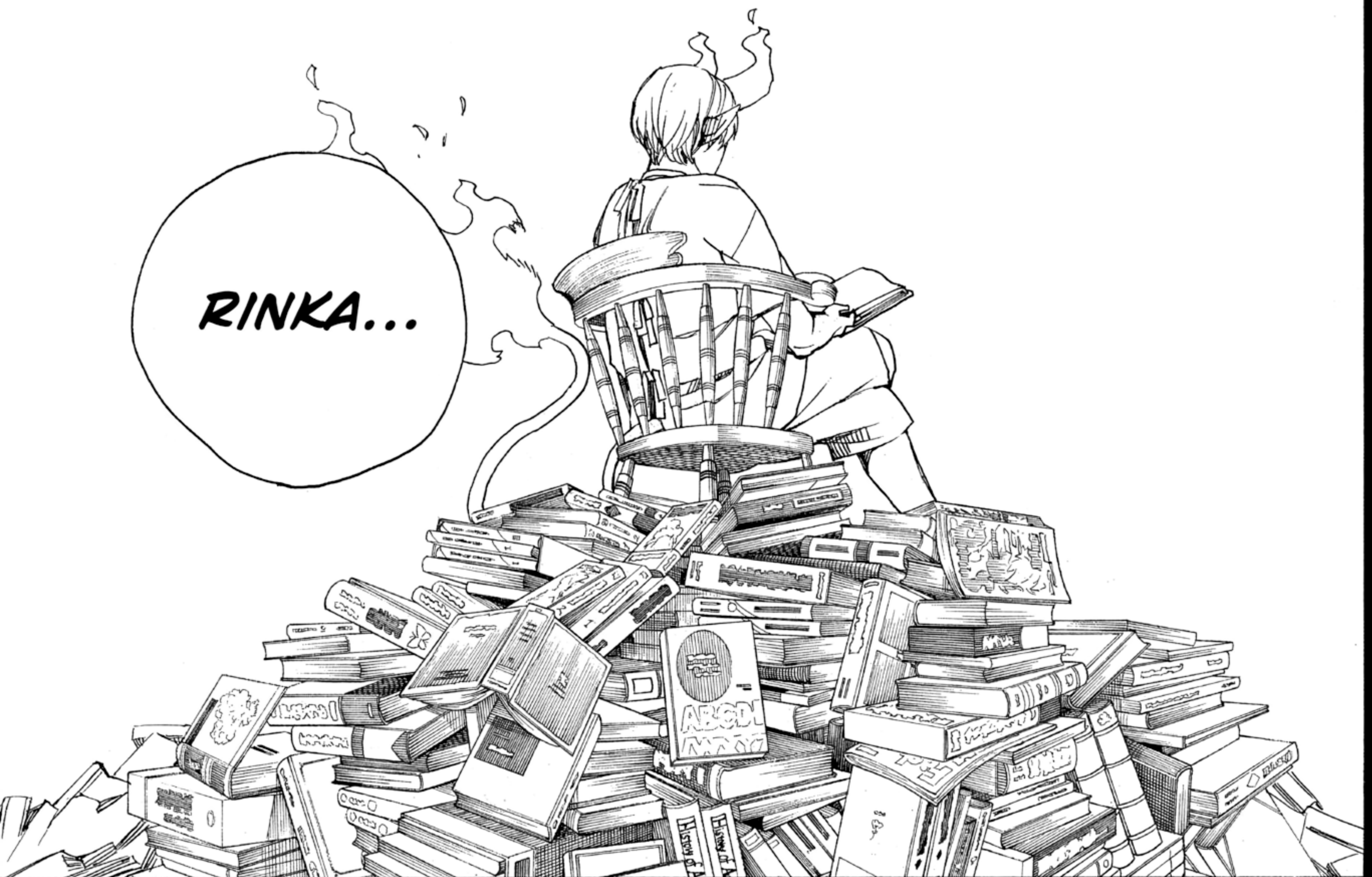
GASP

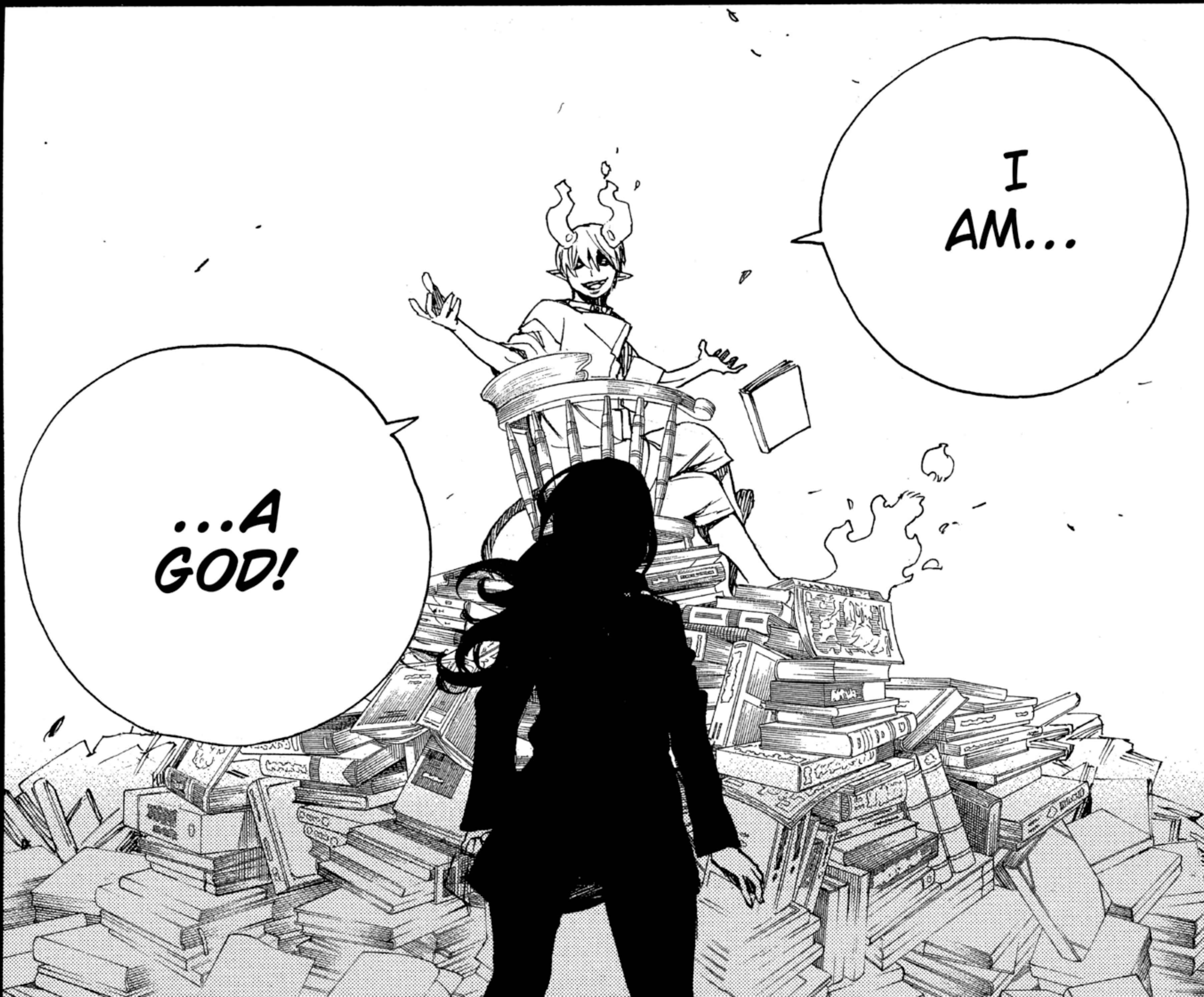
!



TAK

TAK







**A
DEMON
GOD!**

**SO FROM
NOW ON, YOU
CAN CALL ME
SATAN!**



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DO YOU KNOW
WHAT THAT
MEANS, YURI?

HUH?

HEE
HEE
HEE

**I'M
STRONGER
THAN
ANYONE!**

LIKE THAT
SCUM I
KILLED
EARLIER!

GAH
HA HA
HA!!

I COULD CRUSH
THAT JERK
SHIRO IN AN
INSTANT!

AND ALL
SHALL
OBEY MY
WILL!

DOES THAT
MAKE YOU
HAPPY,
YURI?

HA HA
HA!

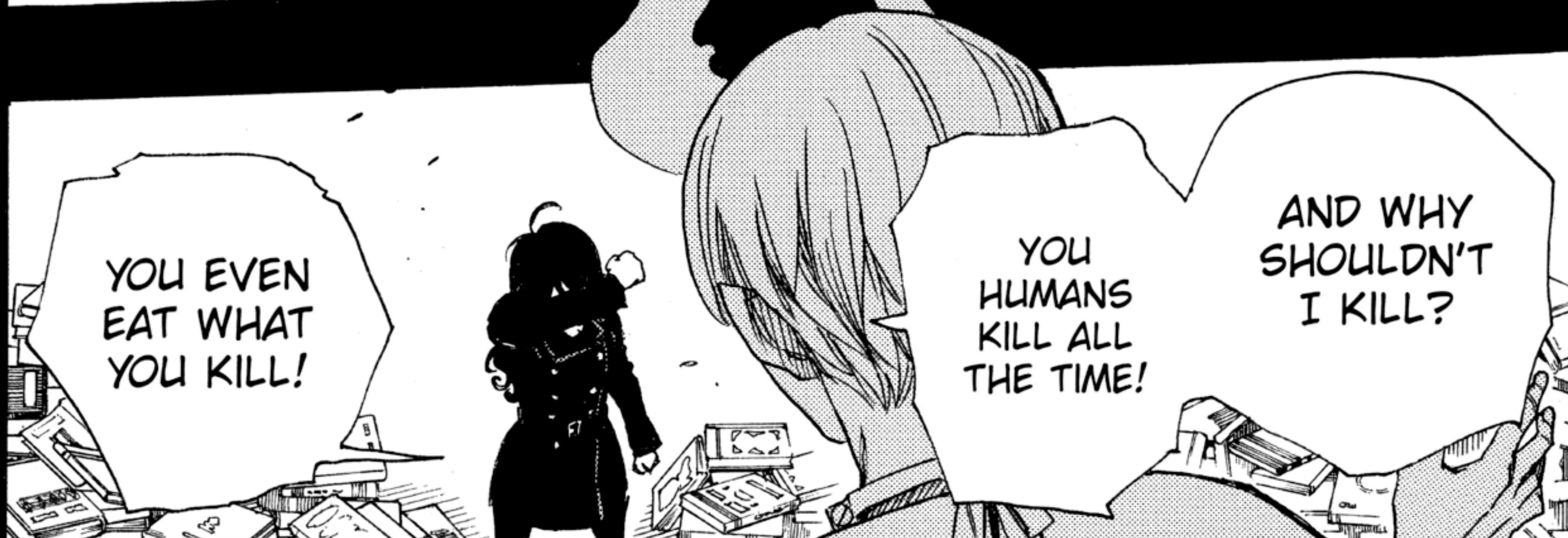
LIKE
A GOD,
I AM
OMNIPOTENT
AND
OMNISCIENT!




PLIP


?!

**KILLING
IS
WRONG!!**






SURELY YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT!



BUT YOU
DIDN'T NEED
TO KILL TO
SURVIVE!



EVEN YOU
MUST WANT
TO LIVE!



OR...
MAYBE YOU
DON'T?



RIN-



DON'T
CALL ME
THAT!!



!!



YURI!



SHIRO!!



GRAB



KYAH!





WAAAAA

...

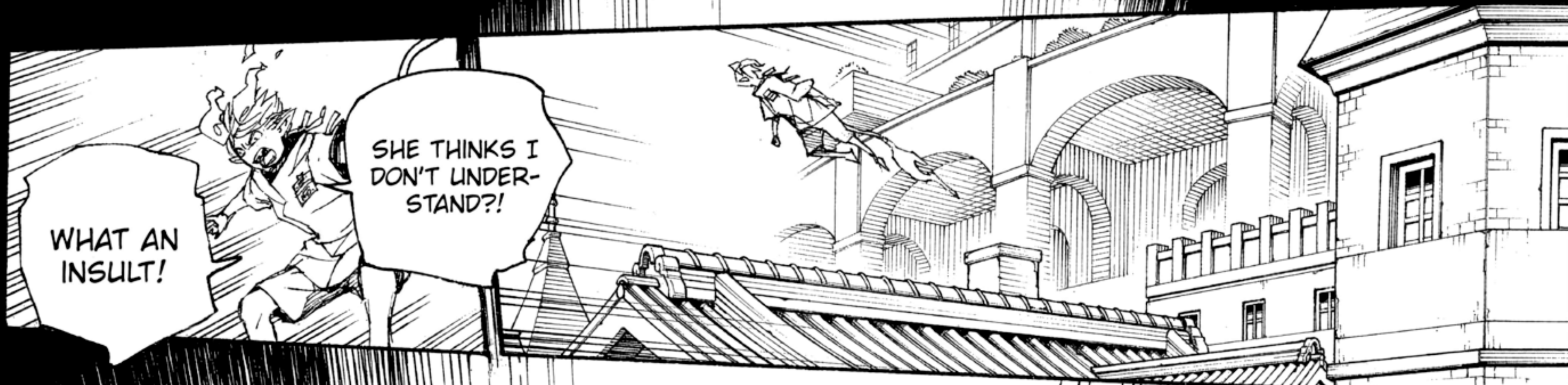
AAAH
!!



BUT
YOU'RE A
MESS. HEH
HEH...



JUST LIKE
WHEN YOU
WERE
LITTLE!



WHAT AN
INSULT!

SHE THINKS I
DON'T UNDER-
STAND?!

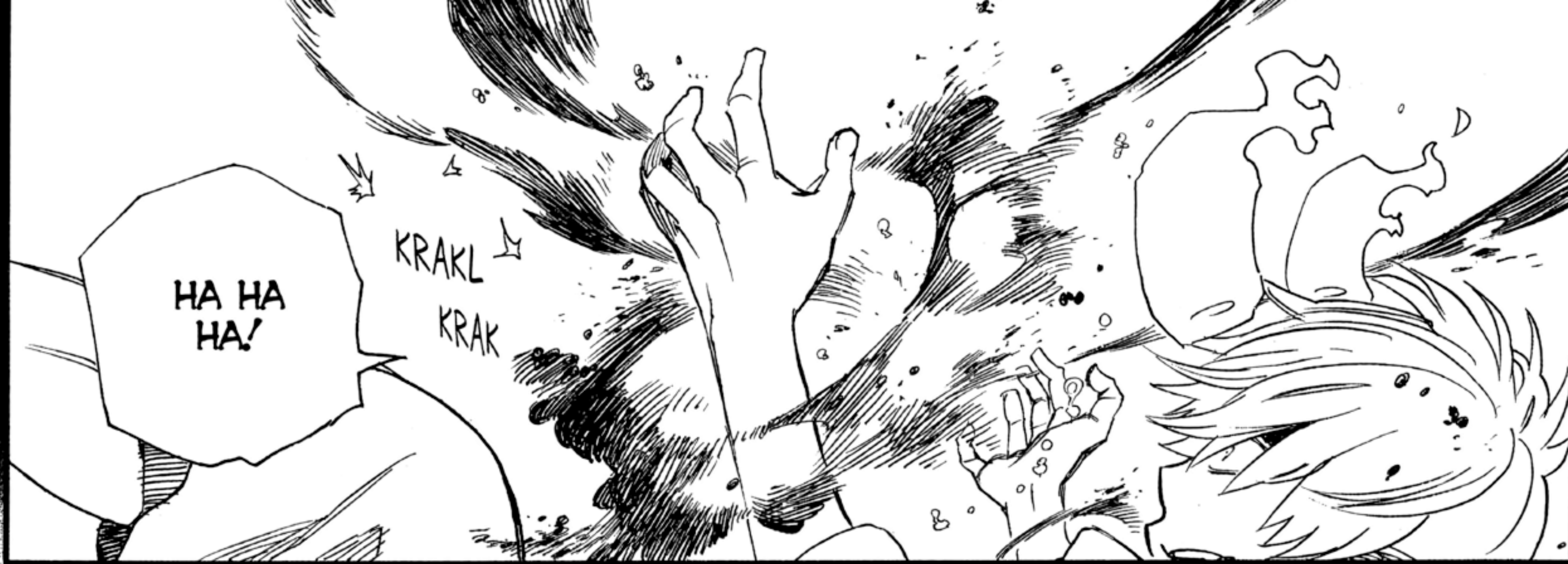


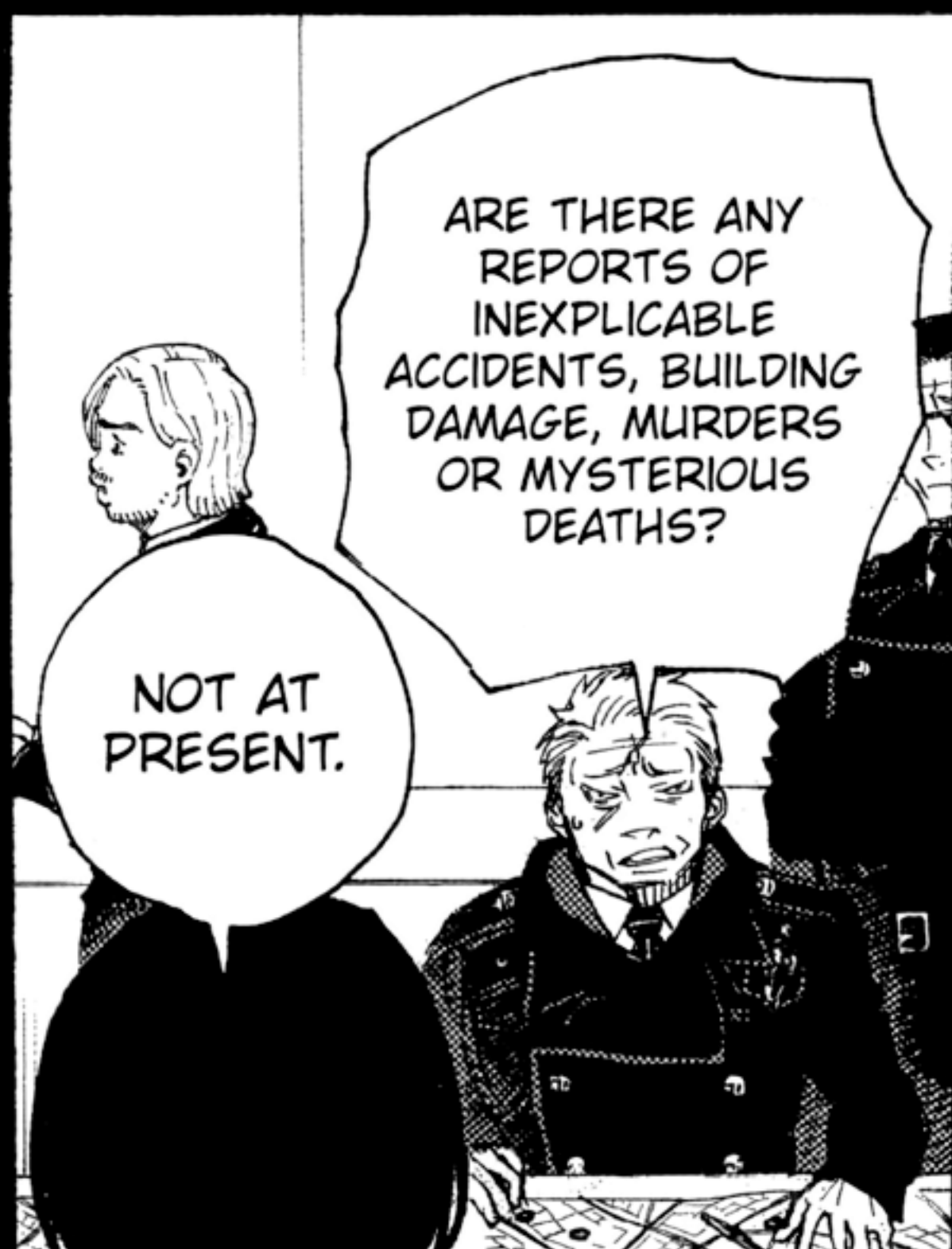
!



I AM A
BEING WHO
HAS
OVERCOME
LIFE AND
DEATH!

I AM A
GOD!!





ARE THERE ANY
REPORTS OF
INEXPLICABLE
ACCIDENTS, BUILDING
DAMAGE, MURDERS
OR MYSTERIOUS
DEATHS?

NOT AT
PRESENT.



AN HOUR AGO, A
WITNESS SPOTTED
A BLACK CLOUD
OVER SOUTHERN
TRUE CROSS...

...BUT
THERE'S BEEN
NOTHING ELSE
SINCE THEN.

HE
DISAPPEARED
?!



HE
MAY HAVE
FLED FAR
AWAY...

...OR
GONE INTO
HIDING.

I'M WORKING
ON SOME
IDEAS NOW.

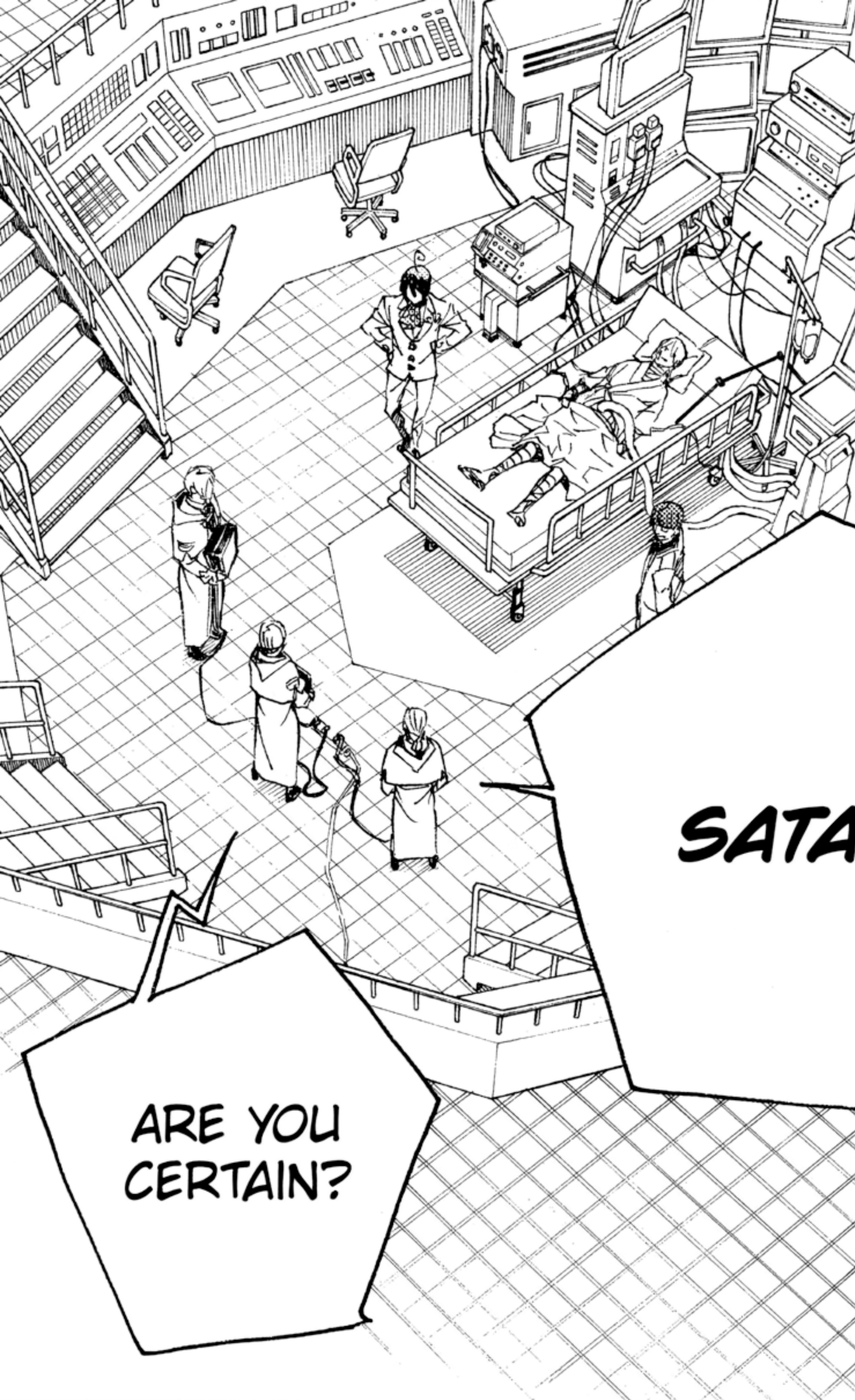
SO HOW
CAN THAT
BE?!

BUT THAT
DEMON
TORE UP
THIS LAB!



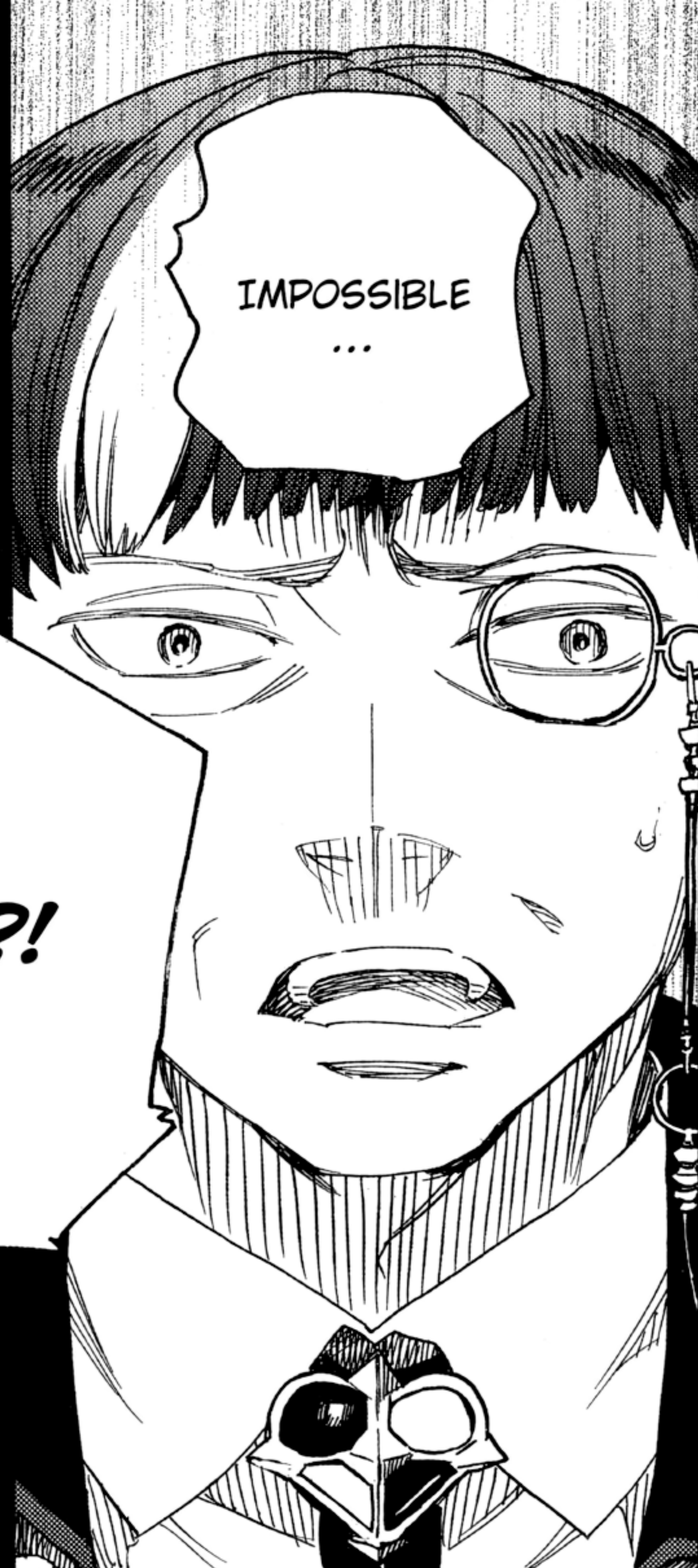
HE
SAID HE
WAS A
GOD.

HE SAID
HE WAS
SATAN!

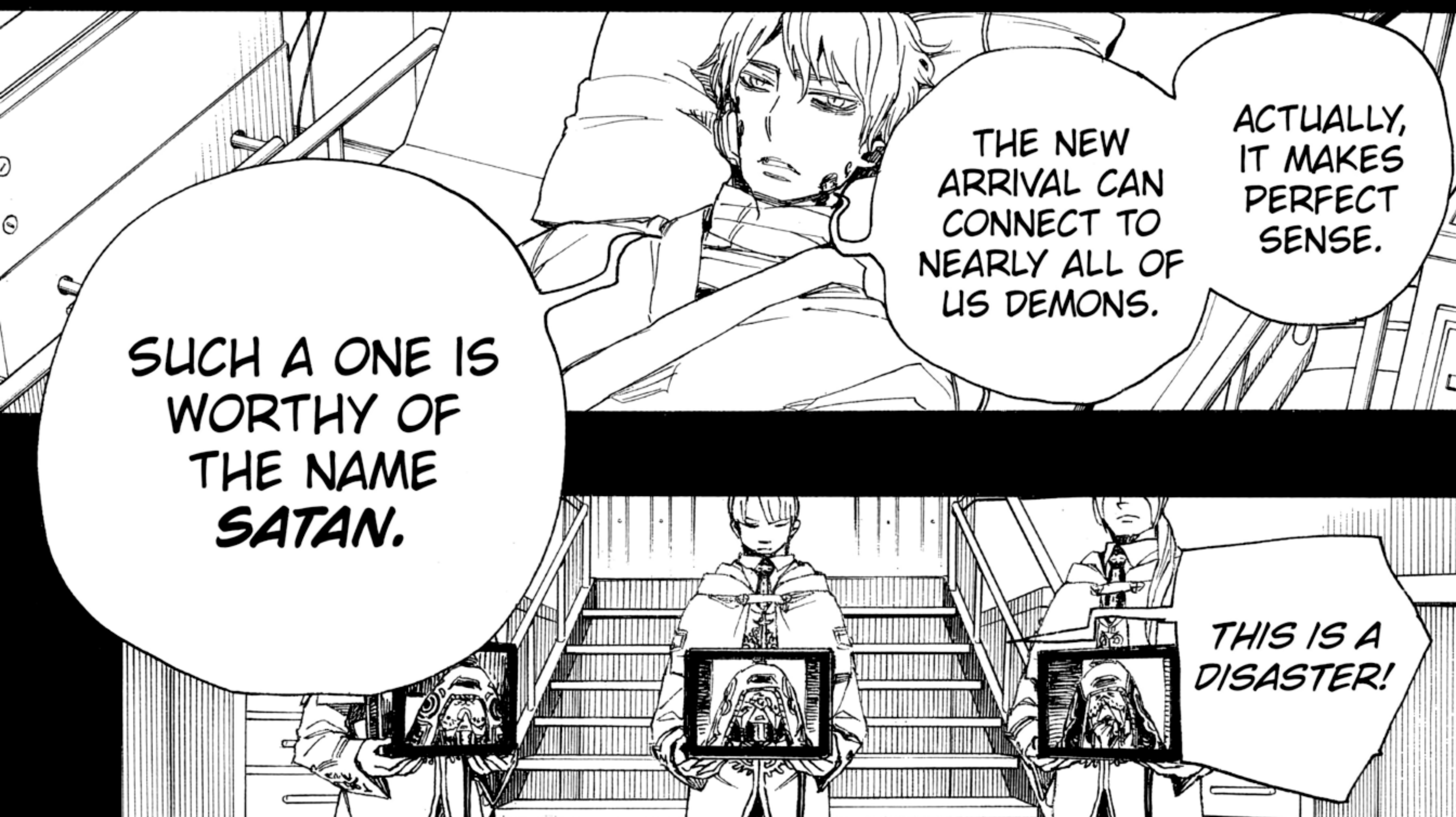


ARE YOU
CERTAIN?

SATAN?!



IMPOSSIBLE
...



SUCH A ONE IS
WORTHY OF
THE NAME
SATAN.

THE NEW
ARRIVAL CAN
CONNECT TO
NEARLY ALL OF
US DEMONS.

ACTUALLY,
IT MAKES
PERFECT
SENSE.

THIS IS A
DISASTER!



I
DOUBT
THAT.

COULD IT
HAVE
ALREADY
FAILED?

IT'S ONLY
A MATTER
OF TIME.

BUT
IF IT *IS*
SATAN...

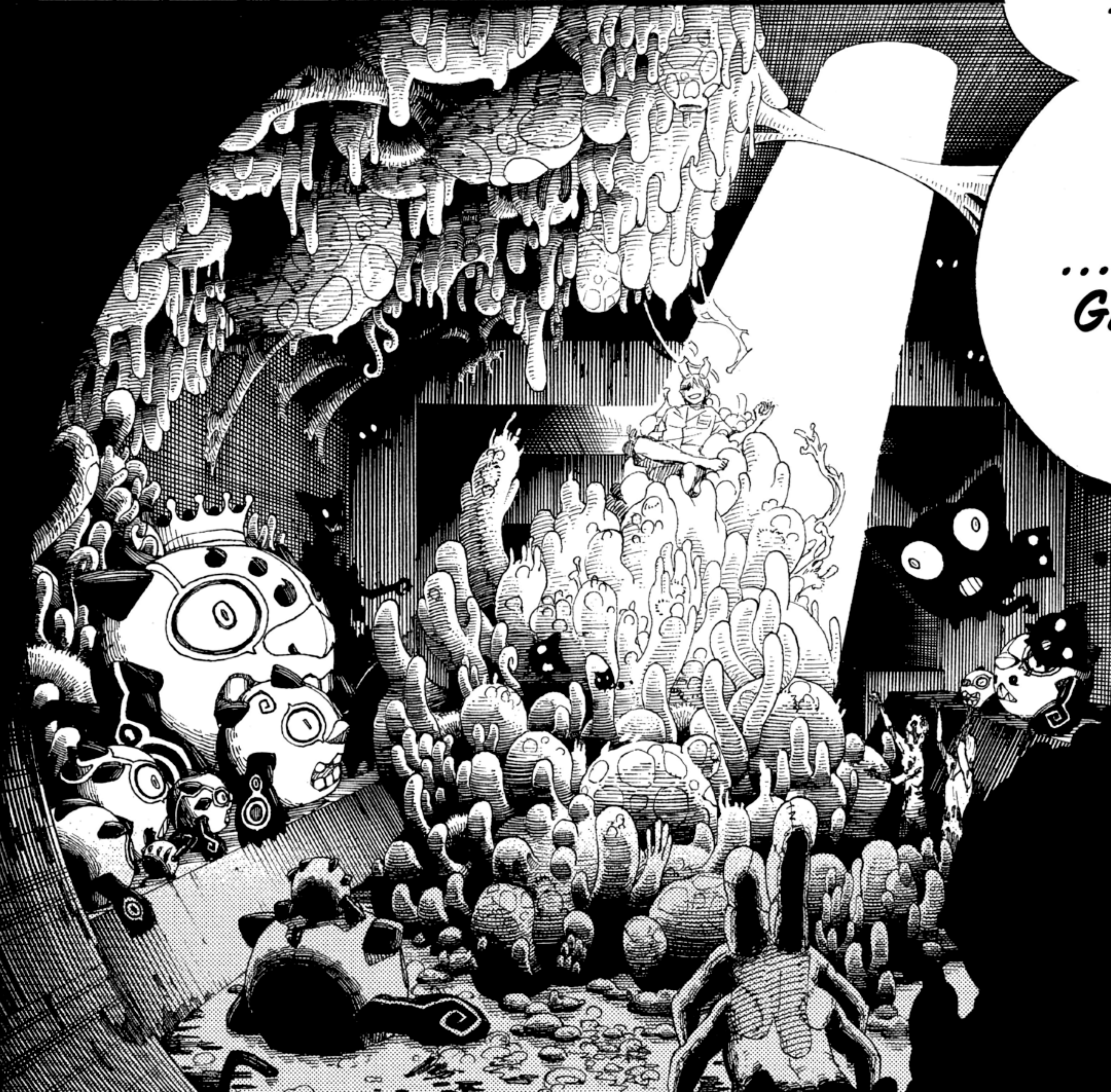
...THE
BODY HE'S
POSSESSING
WILL SOON
FAIL.



I CANNOT
LOCATE HIM,
BUT WE CAN
SENSE HIM.

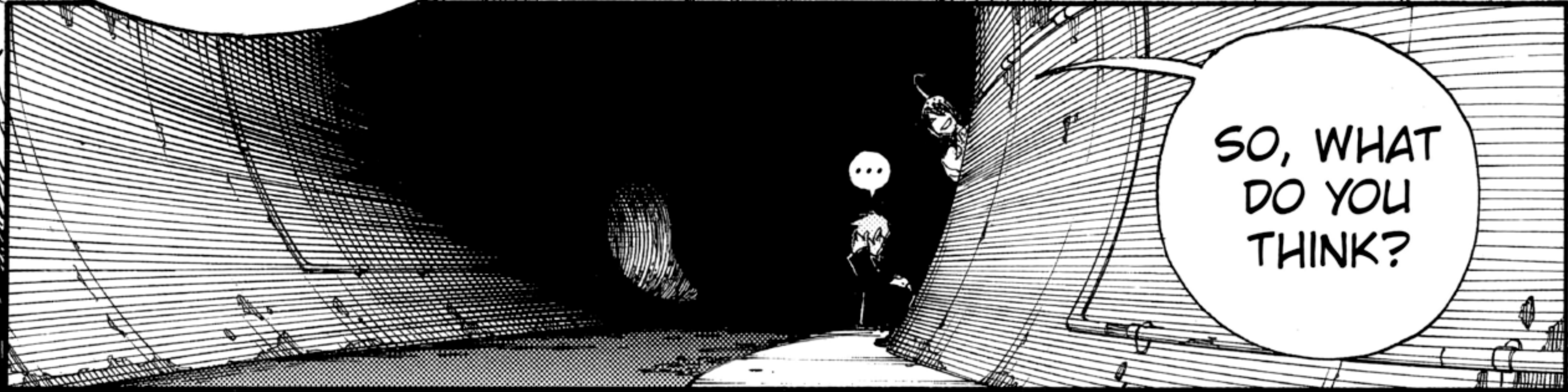
HE'S STILL
IMMATURE
...

...BUT HE IS
GROWING.






**THAT IS
YOUR
FATHER.**



**SO, WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?**

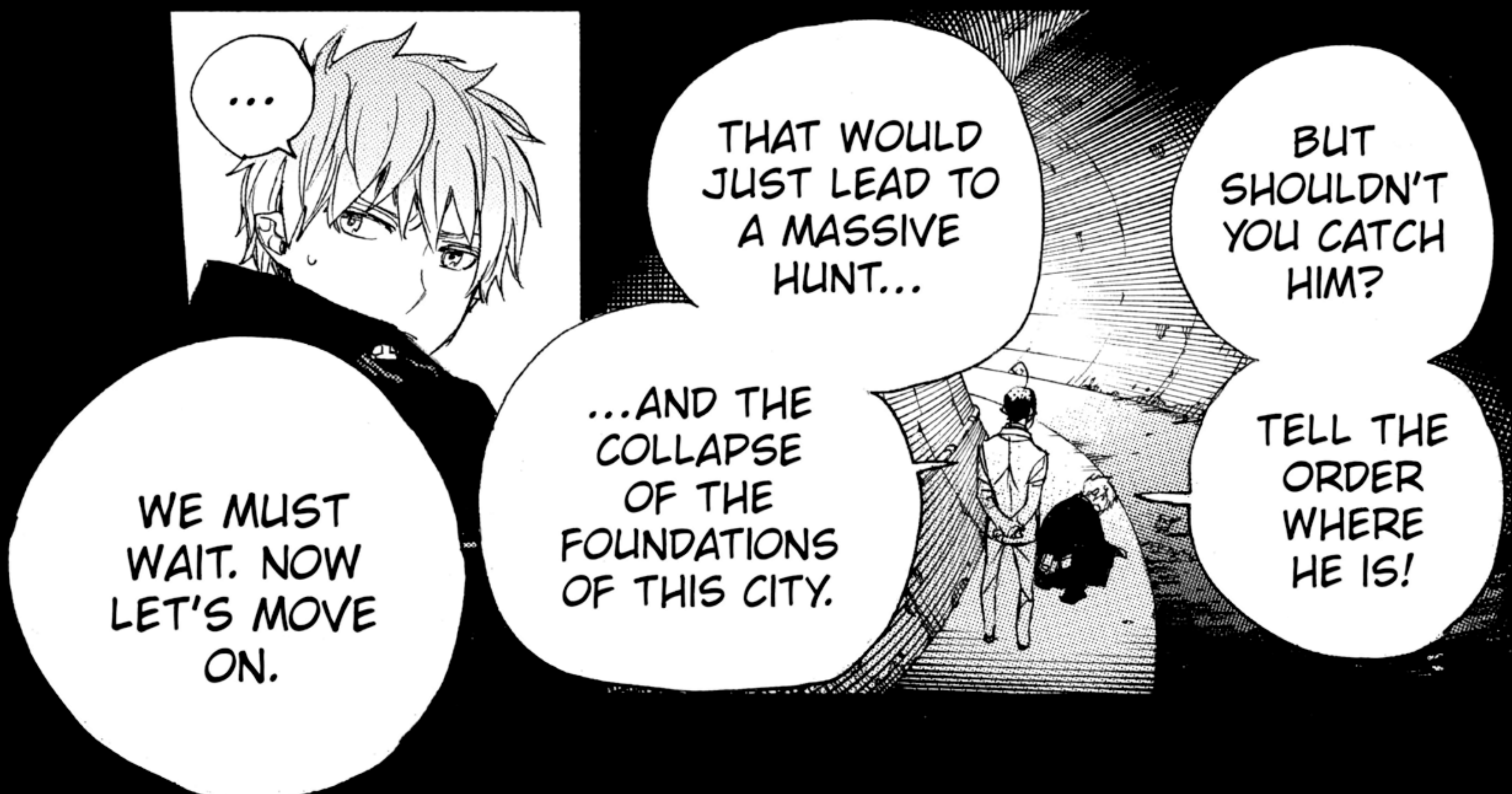


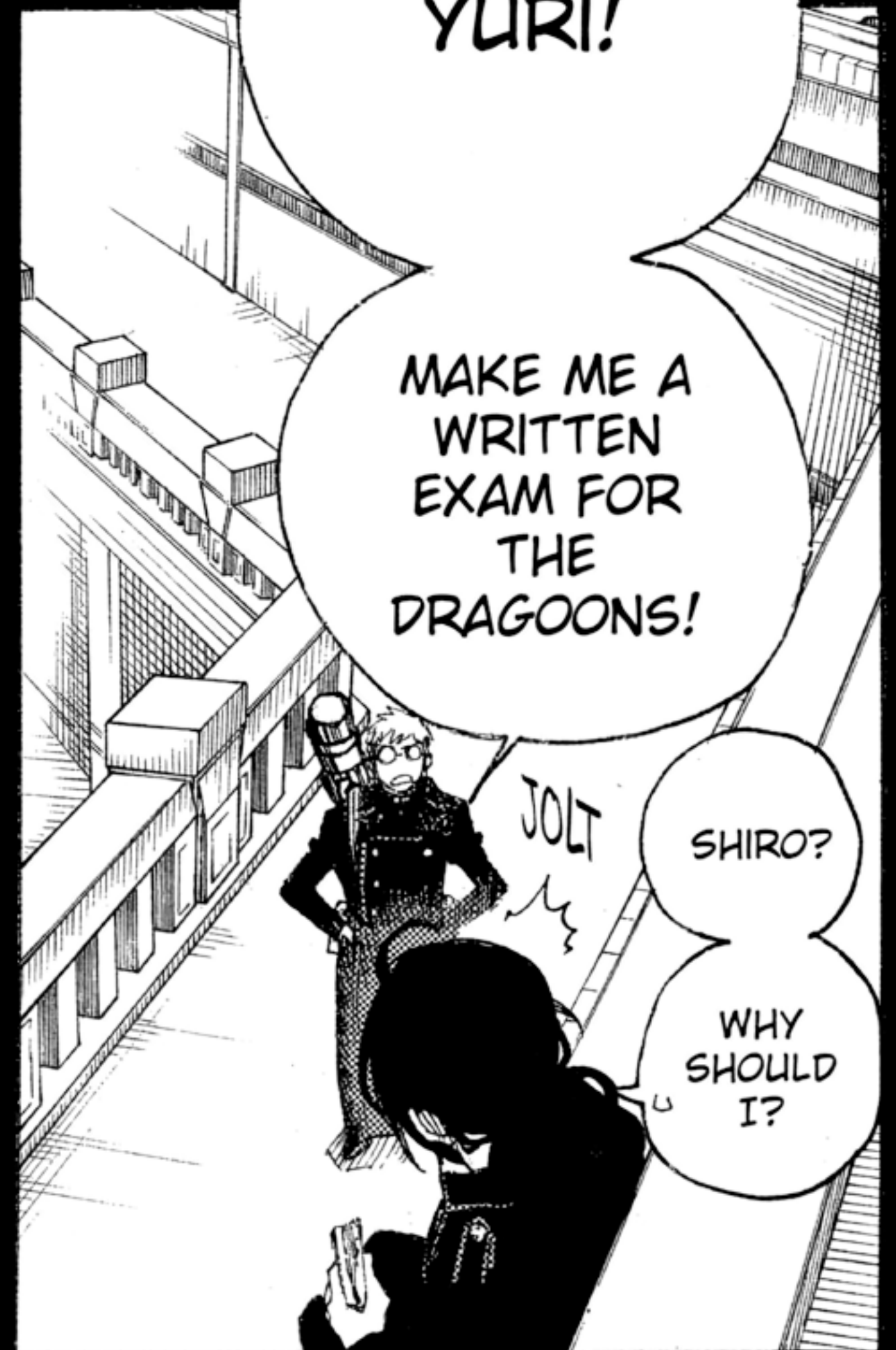
NO.



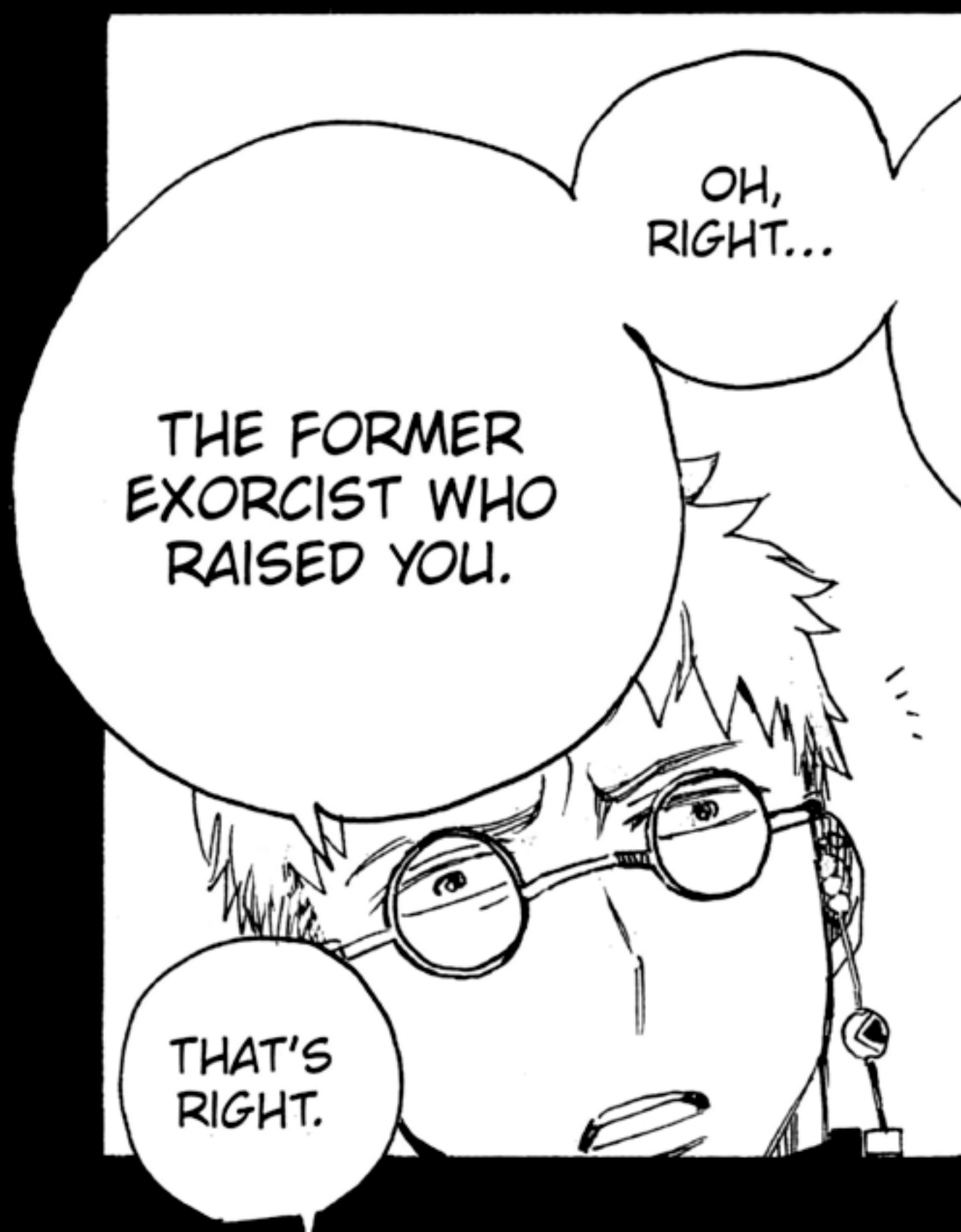
**IS HE
LIKE YOU
IMAGINED?**

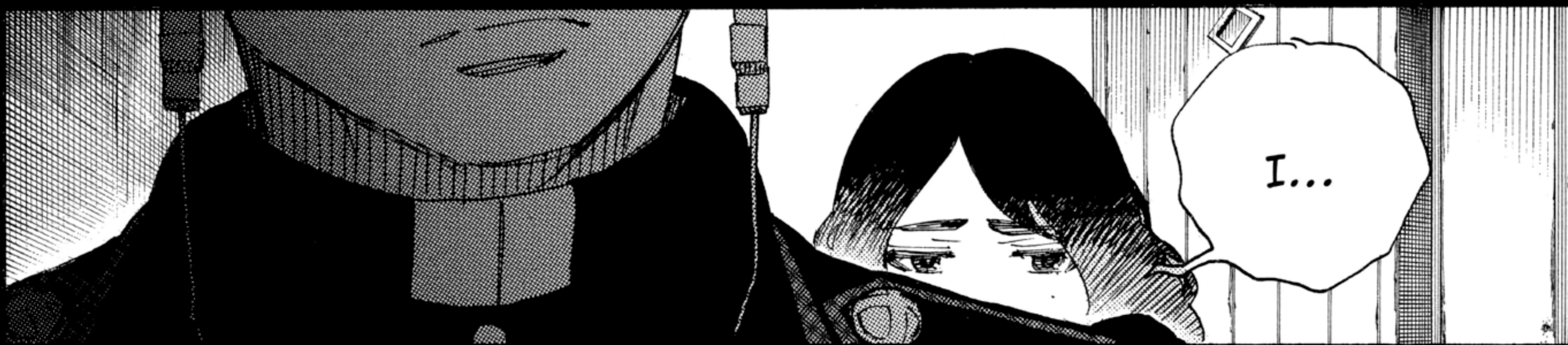
**NOT AT
ALL.**











...HE'S SURE
TO COME BACK
TO SECTION 13!

WHEN
HIS BODY
STARTS TO
DECOMPOSE
...

HE'S DEAD!
THERE'S NO
WAY THAT
PUNK COULD
STILL BE
HIDING!

YOU...

YOU'RE
STILL...

AND
WHEN HE
DOES...

...I'M GOING
TO SAVE
HIM!





TOSS

?!

WATCH HER
WHILE I USE
THE JOHN!

WELL,
START
ASSISTING!

STARE

APPREN-
TICE?!

SHE'S MY
APPRENTICE.

YOU
NOTICED?

WHAT'S
WITH THE
POUTY KID?



BLAM

HAVE YOU
AGREED TO
THAT?!

HUH?

WHO
IS SHE
REALLY
?!

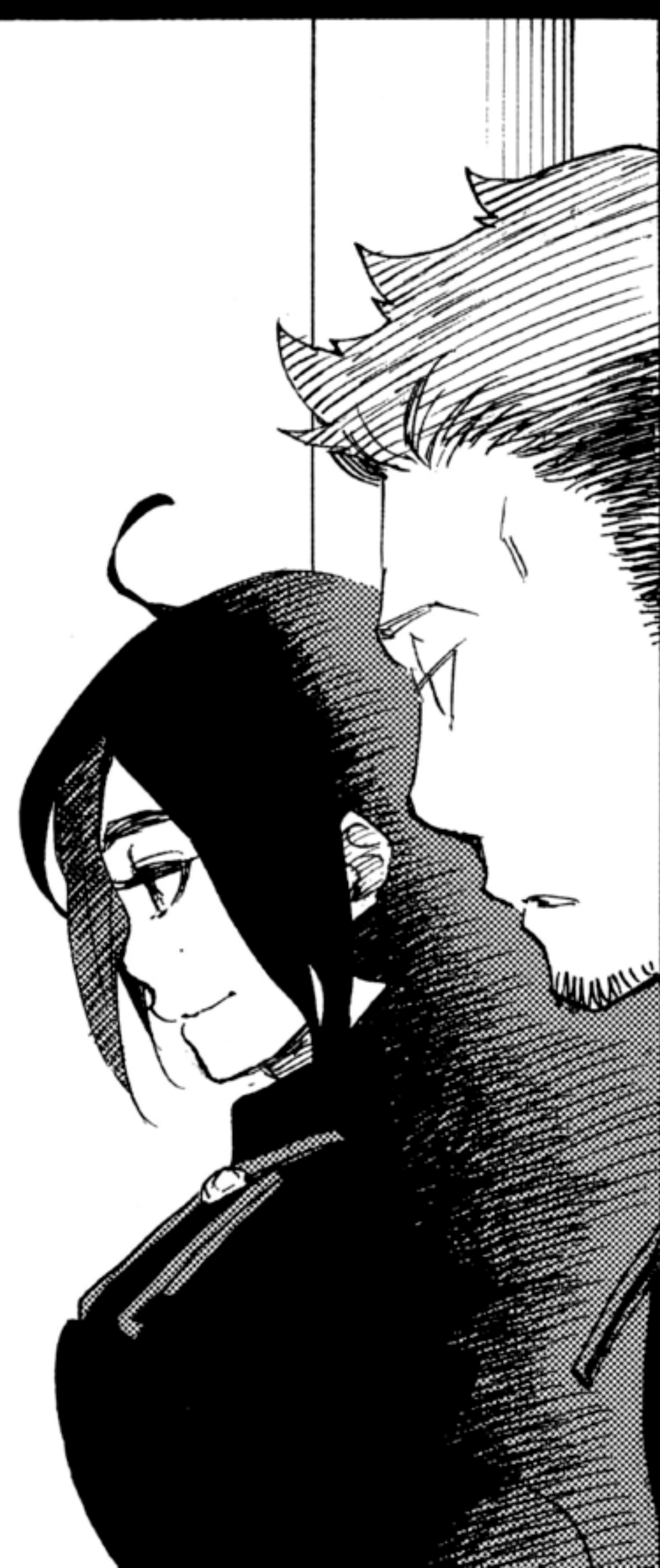
FATHER
FUJIMOTO'S
SECRET LOVE
CHILD?

I'M GONNA
GET BIG
BOOBS...

...AND
THEN
MARRY
FUJIMOTO!

CUT THE
CHITCHAT
AND GET TO
WORK!

No, I
haven't!



Shiro!
I wuv
you!

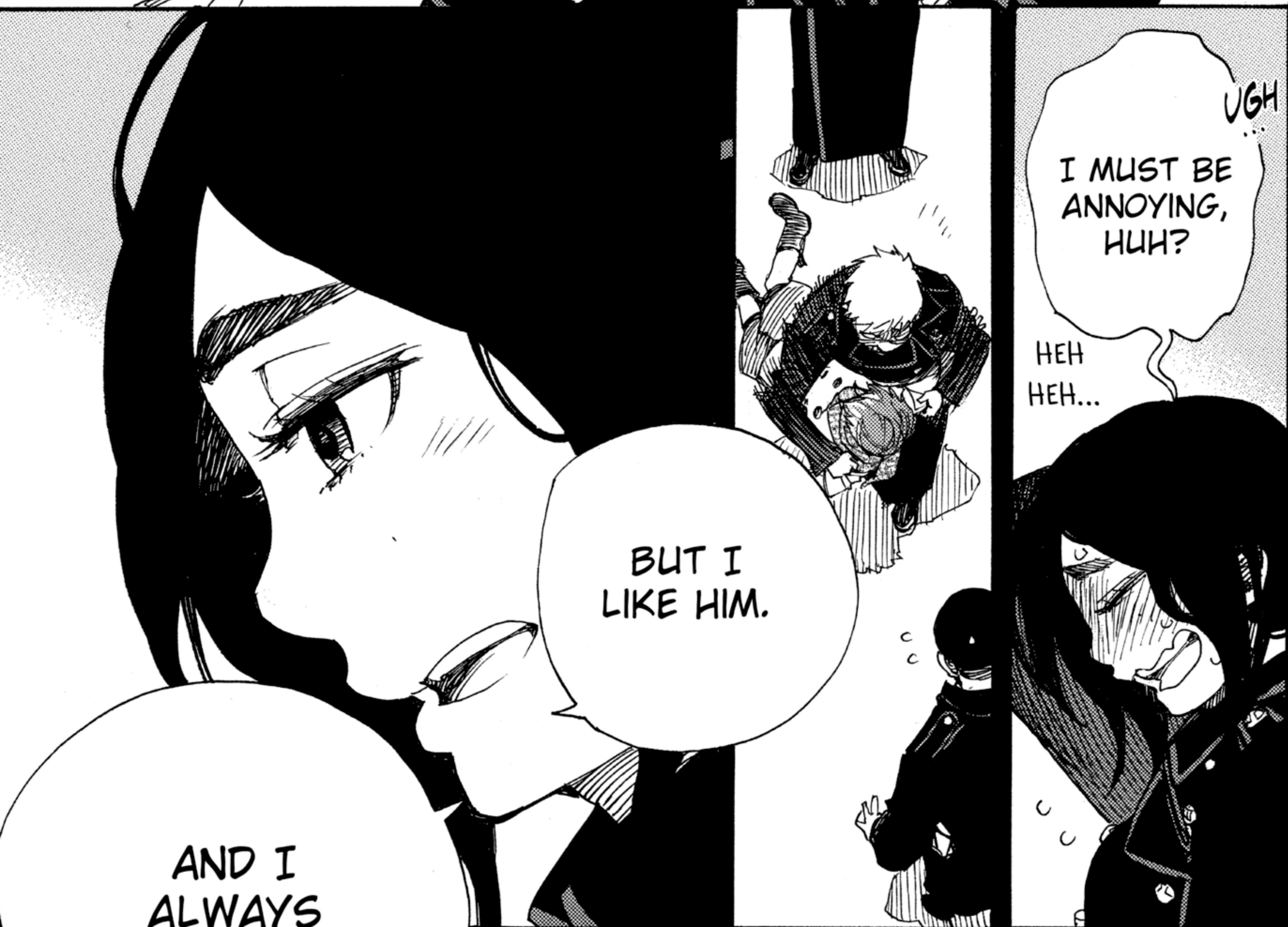
OH...

...THERE'S
SHIRO.

EVERYBODY'S
BEEN TALKING
ABOUT HIM
RECENTLY.

There's
the girl
everyone's
talking
about...





BAM

WINK

WHY
?!

KOFF

WHY
ONLY
ME?!!!

GRAAH!

KOFF

KOFF

GAAGH

MY
BROTHER'S
LIFE IS IN
DANGER,
EH?

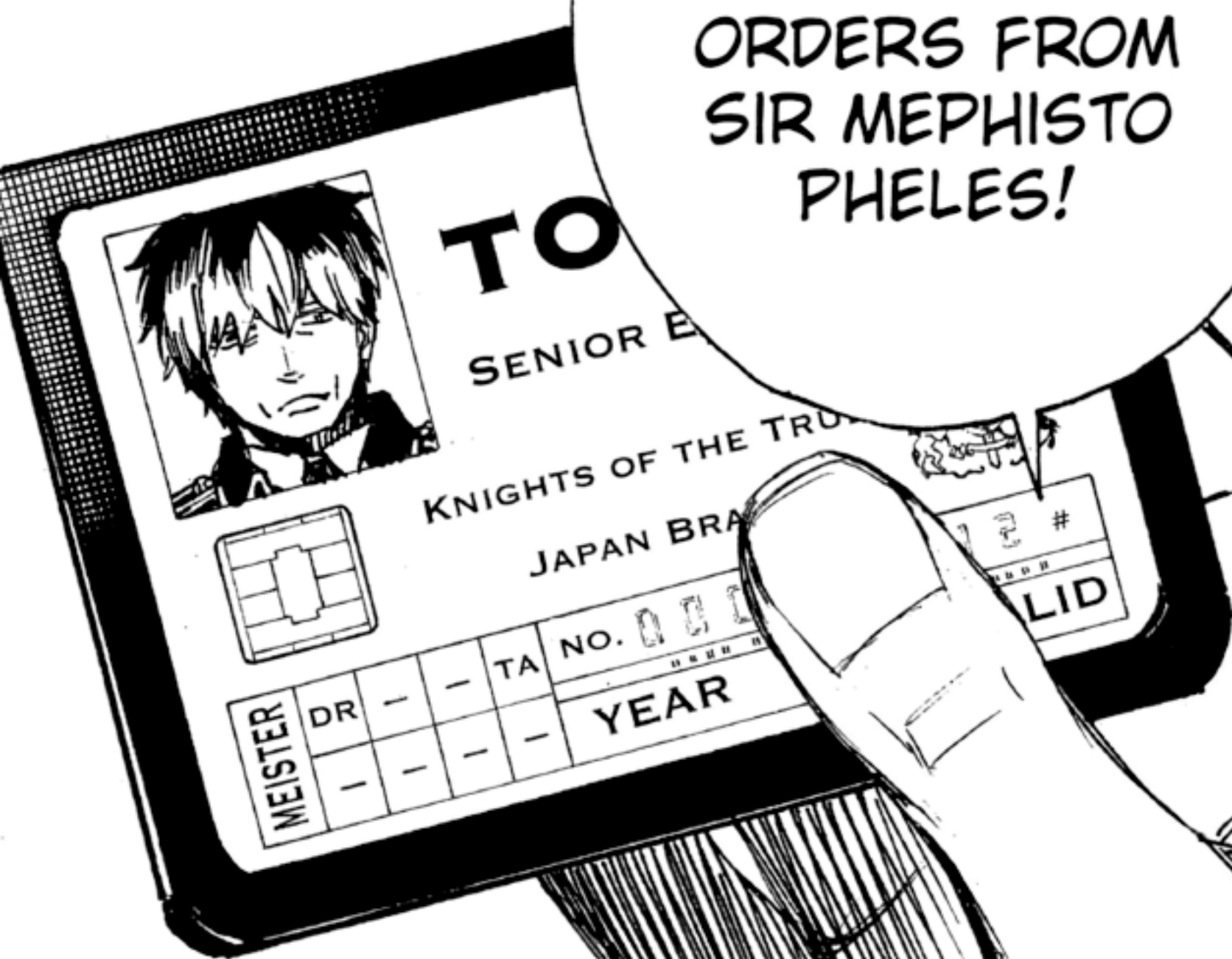
AND ALL
DERIVATIVE ELIXIRS
ARE DECREASING IN
EFFECTIVENESS
BECAUSE LUCIFER
HAS DEVELOPED
RESISTANCE TO
THEM.

IT HAS BEEN
TWO YEARS
SINCE SUBJECT
AO-005
DISAPPEARED.

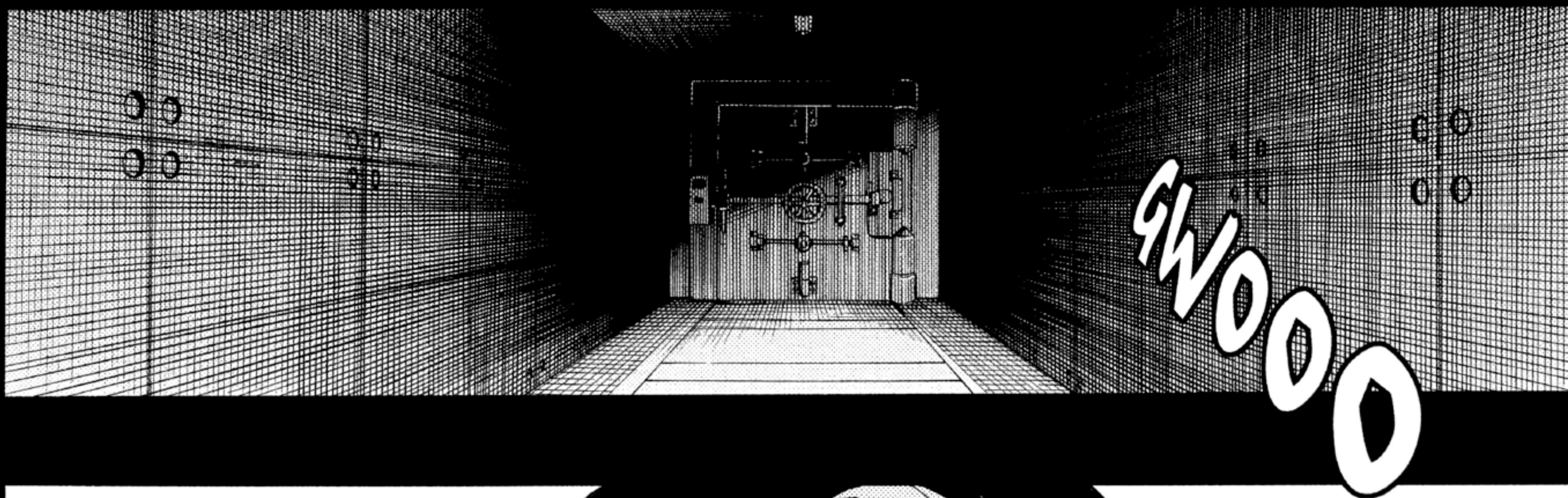
WE'RE HERE ON
ORDERS FROM
SIR MEPHISTO
PHELES!

THEN WE
MUST
STRENGTHEN
THE
BARRIER...

...AROUND HIS
TREATMENT
ROOM.







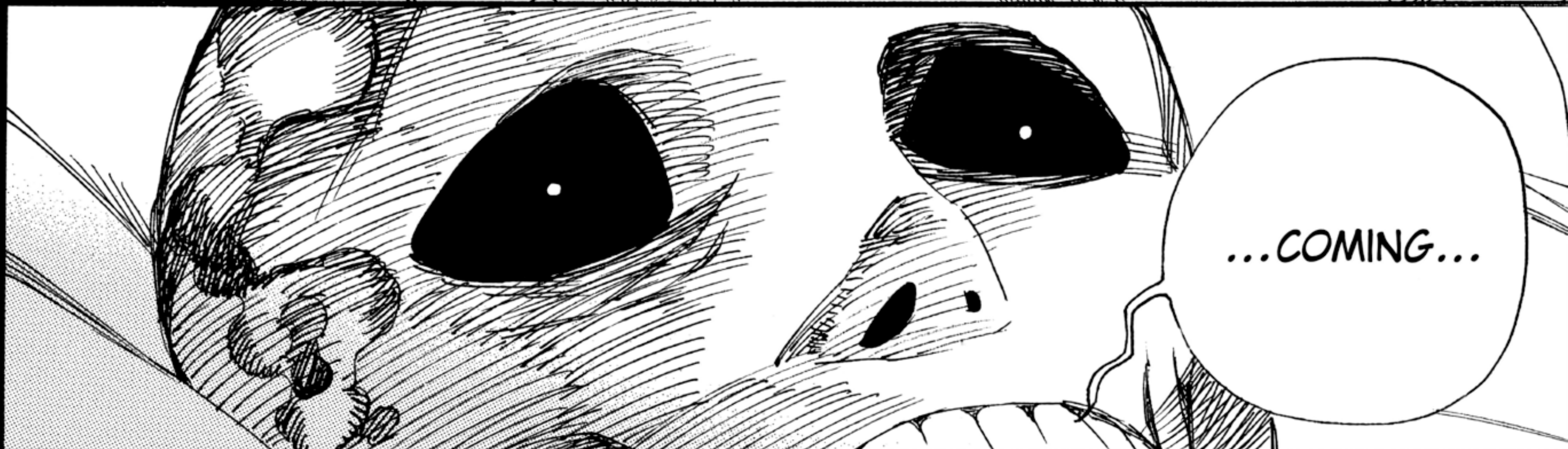


BEEP
PSHHT

YOUR
CONDITION
IS AWFUL...

BEEP
PSHHT

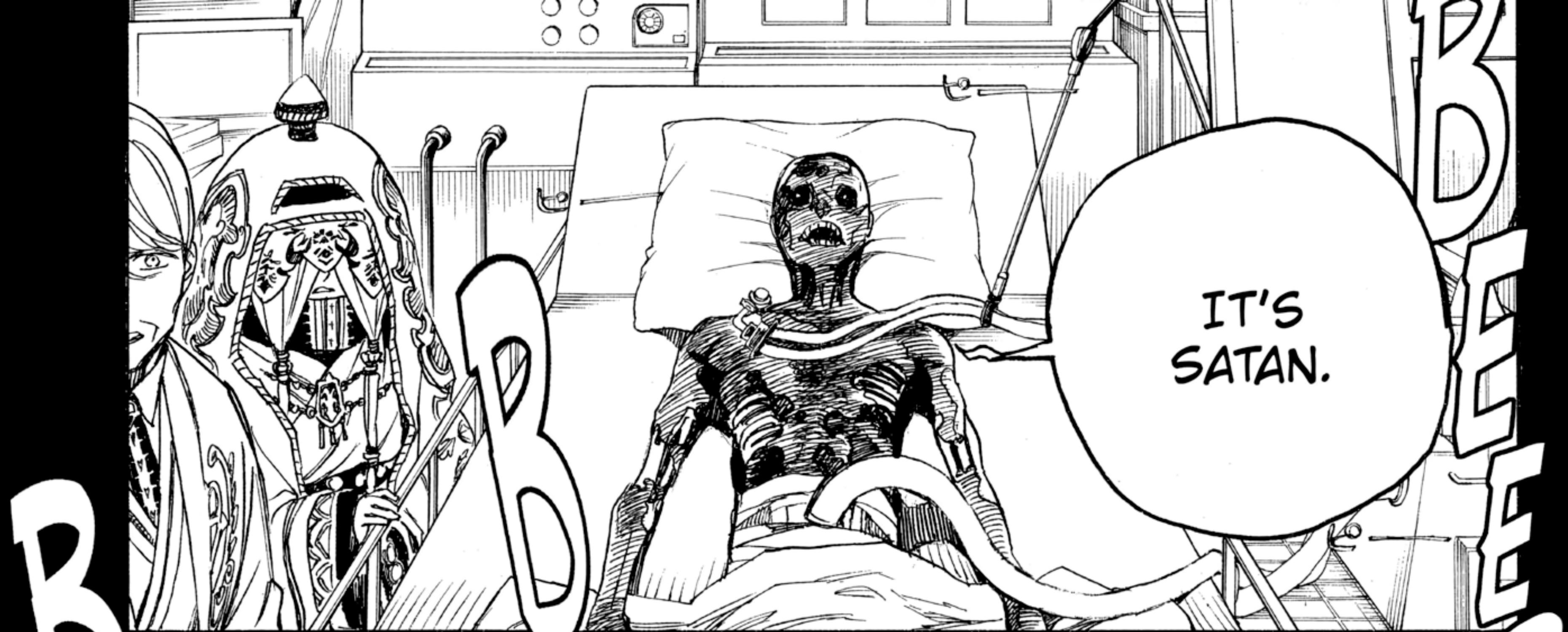
BEEP
PSHHT











IT'S SATAN.

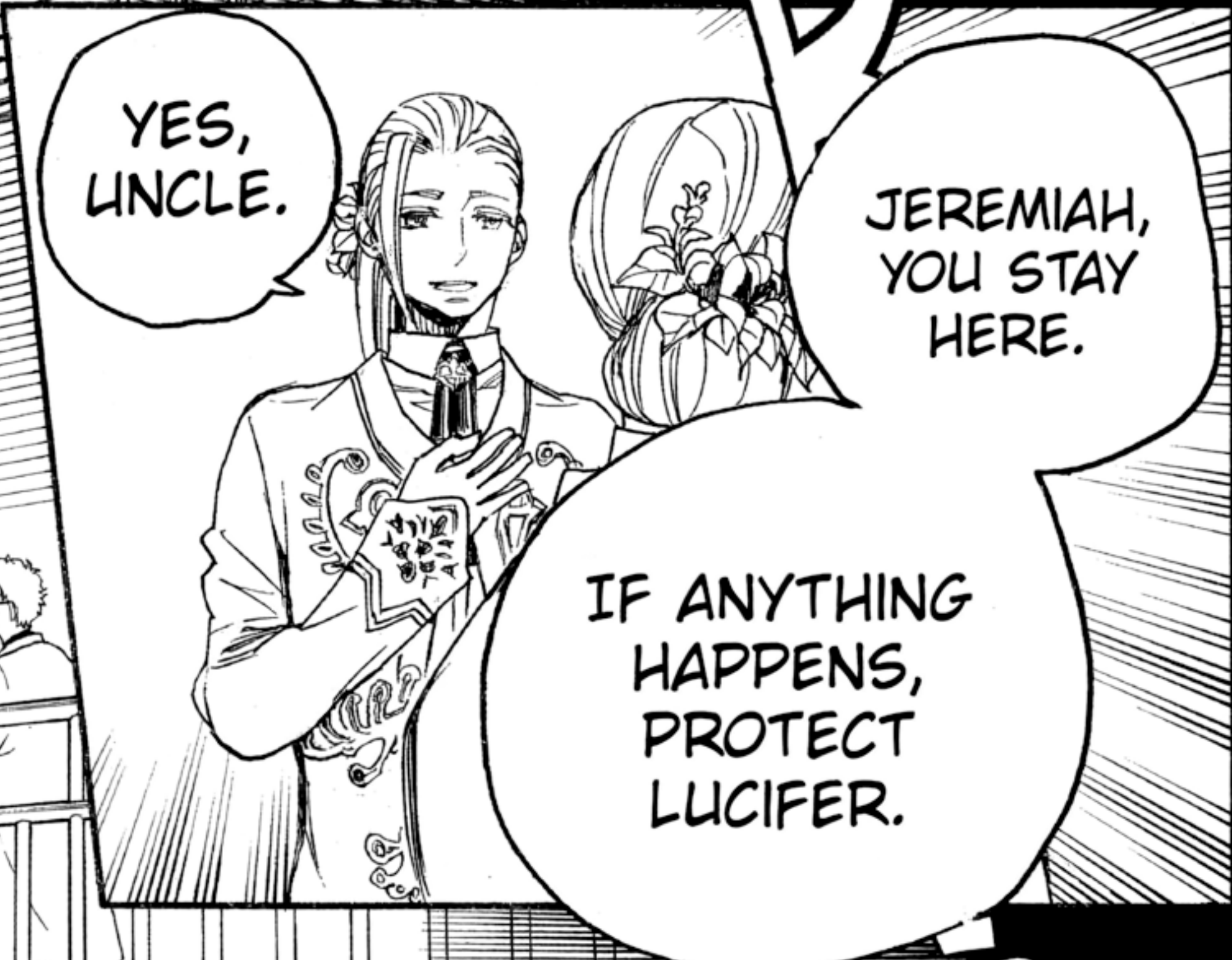


WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN!
BUT I CAN'T LEAVE LUCIFER LIKE THIS!

WISE ONE, YOU MUST EVACUATE.

KOFF
KOFF GAGH

INDEED ...
...YOU HAVE RETURNED.



YES, UNCLE.

JEREMIAH, YOU STAY HERE.

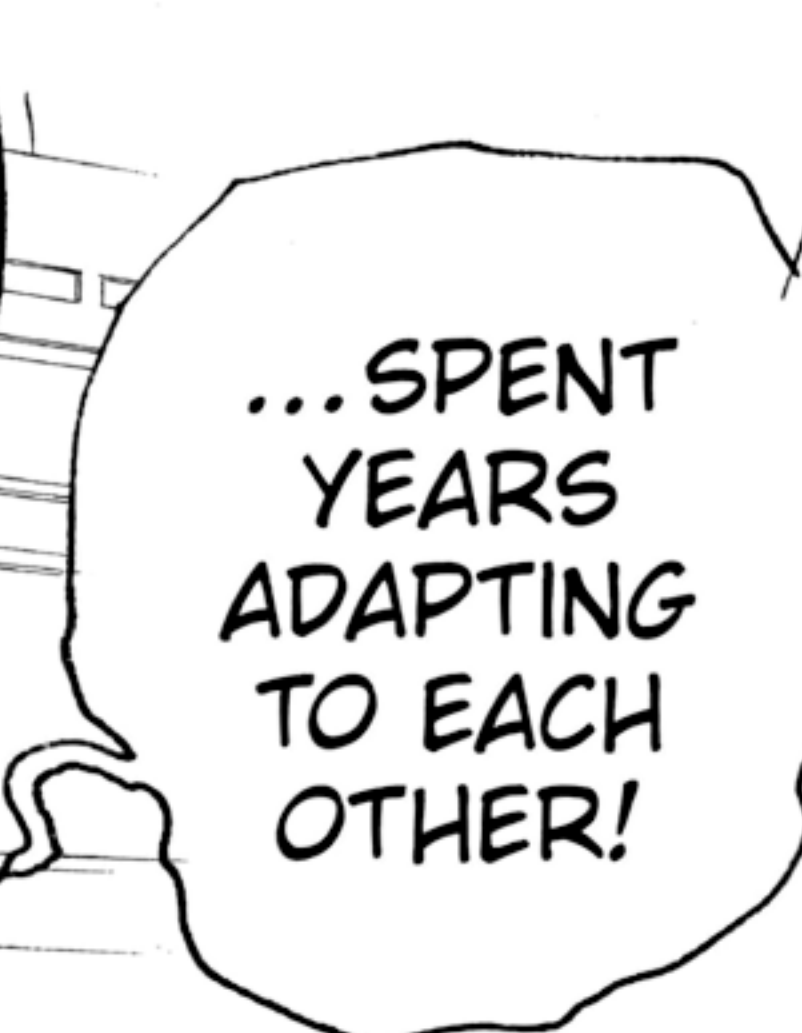
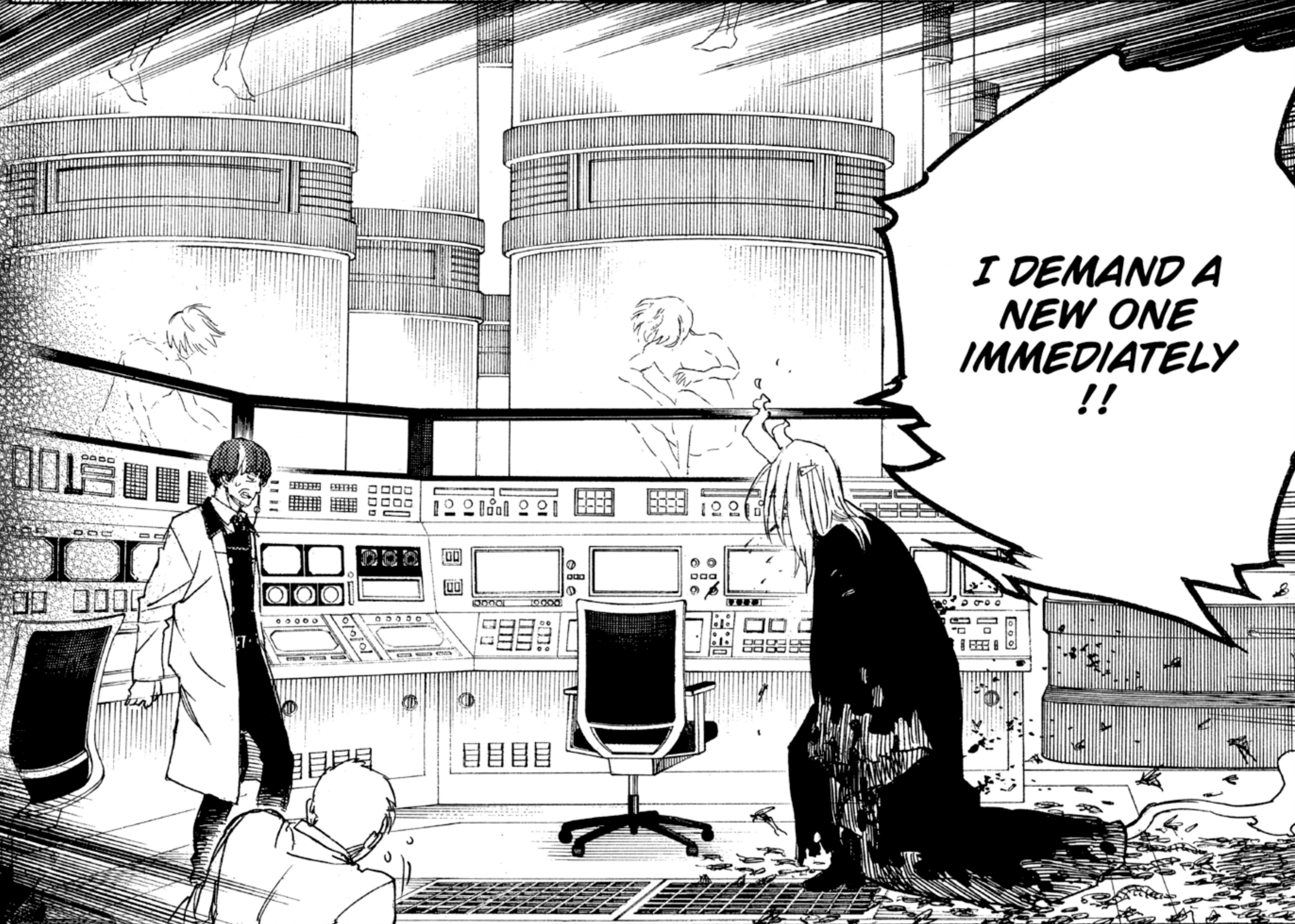
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, PROTECT LUCIFER.



BUT HE'S YOUR NEPHEW!
WOULD YOU JUST SACRIFICE HIM?!

JEREMIAH CAN FIGHT. SO DO NOT WORRY.

?!
HILKIAH! WHAT'RE YOU-



I CAN
ADMINISTER
AN ELIXIR...

I AM
IN PAIN!
DO SOME-
THING!

...TO SLOW
THE RATE OF
PHYSICAL
DECOMPOSITION,
BUT-

NO
SUBSTANCE
IN THIS
WORLD CAN
WITHSTAND
YOU!

WHAT
?!

THEN
DO
IT!!

PREPARE
THE
ELIXIR!

Y...

YES,
SIR!

"WE DO
IT TO
LIVE!!"

KOFF
GAKK
GAG

SO
MUCH
PAIN
!!!

BLEAGH


ARRRGH!!

IF I
SIMPLY
ROT
AWAY...

SLUMP

WHEEZ
WHEEZ
WHEEZ
GASP

URGH
...



**"EVEN YOU
MUST WANT
TO LIVE!"**



YURI!!



**WHERE
IS
YURI?!**



**BRING
HER TO
ME!!**



WHERE
IS YURI
EGIN?!



**YOU MUST
COME TO
ASYLUM
IMMEDIATELY!**





THEY'RE TRYING TO LEAVE THE FARM!!

WE CAN'T CONTROL THE DEMONS!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

RMM
RMM
RMM
RMM
RMM

KAW
KAW
KAW
KAW
KAW

BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

KLANK
KLANK
KLANK

KLANK

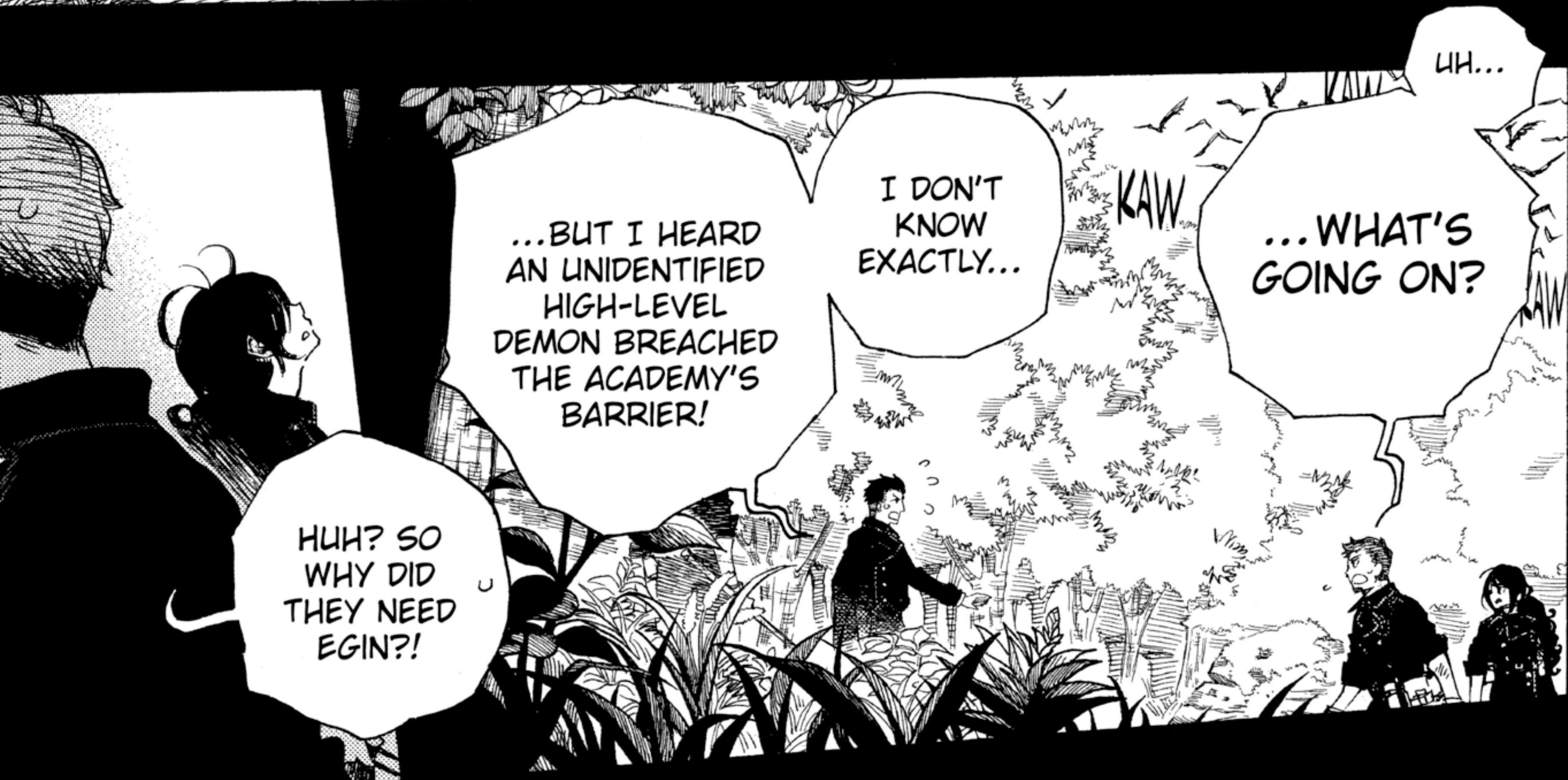
WHERE IS YURI EGIN?!

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ASYLLUM SUMMONED HER!

?!



UH...

...BUT I HEARD AN UNIDENTIFIED HIGH-LEVEL DEMON BREACHED THE ACADEMY'S BARRIER!

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY...

...WHAT'S GOING ON?

HUH? SO WHY DID THEY NEED EGIN?!

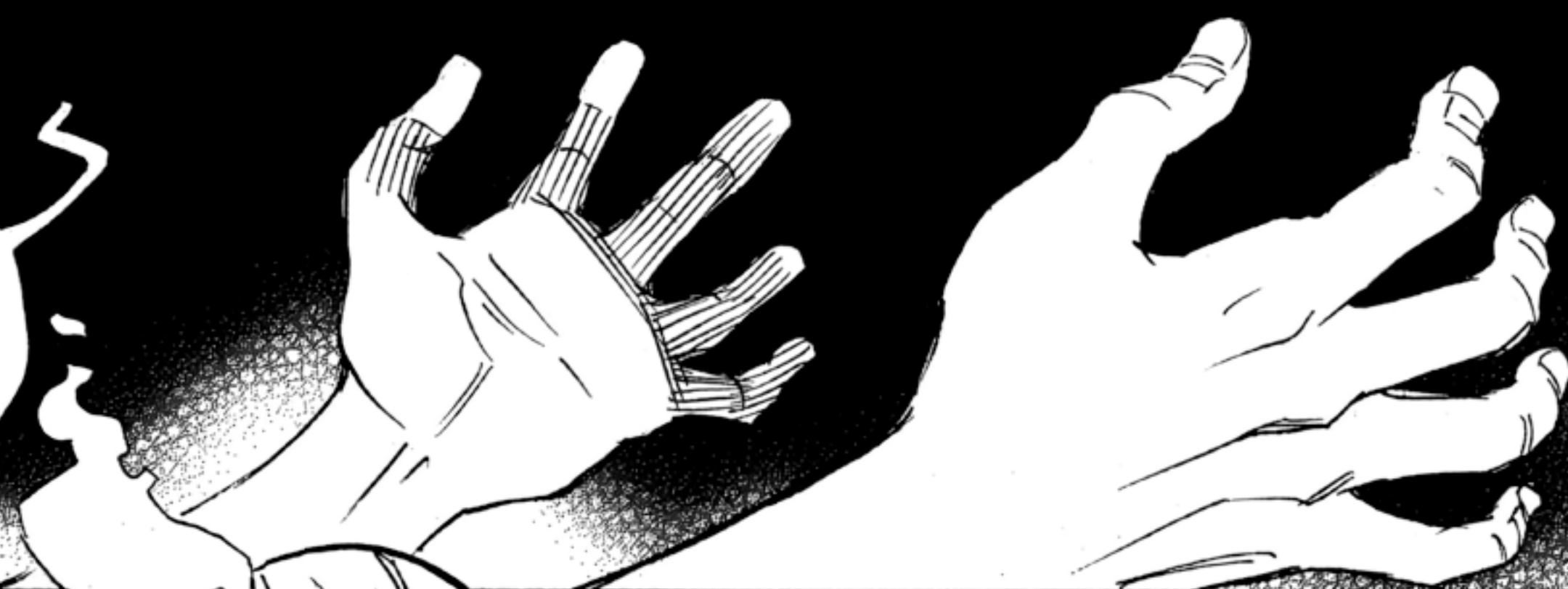


YURI...



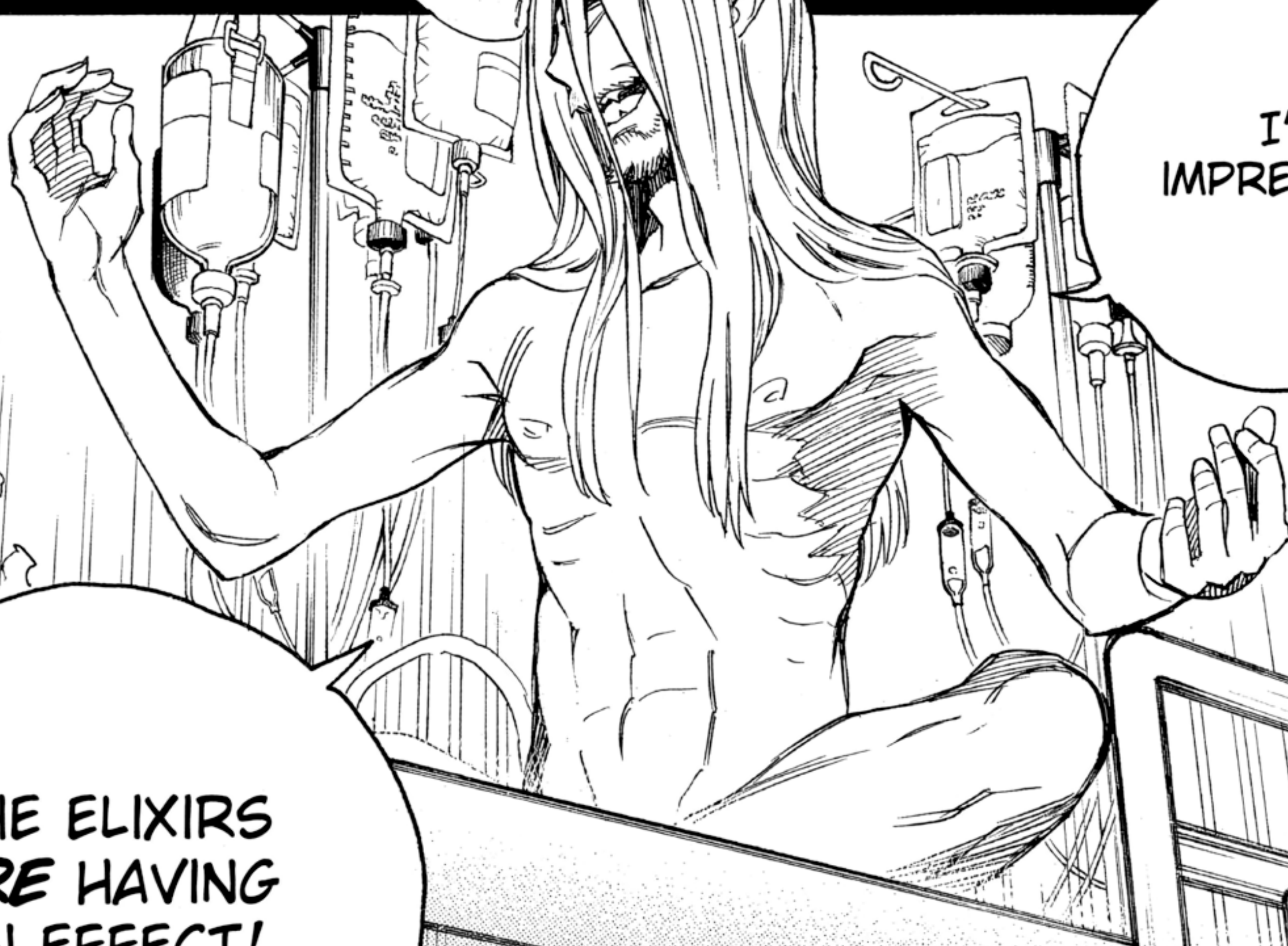
HEH HEH
HEH

AHHH...
VERY
GOOD!



I'M
IMPRESSED!

THE ELIXIRS
ARE HAVING
AN EFFECT!





THE ONE DEEP
WITHIN
SECTION 13...

HE'S THE
MASTER OF
THIS PLACE,
RIGHT?



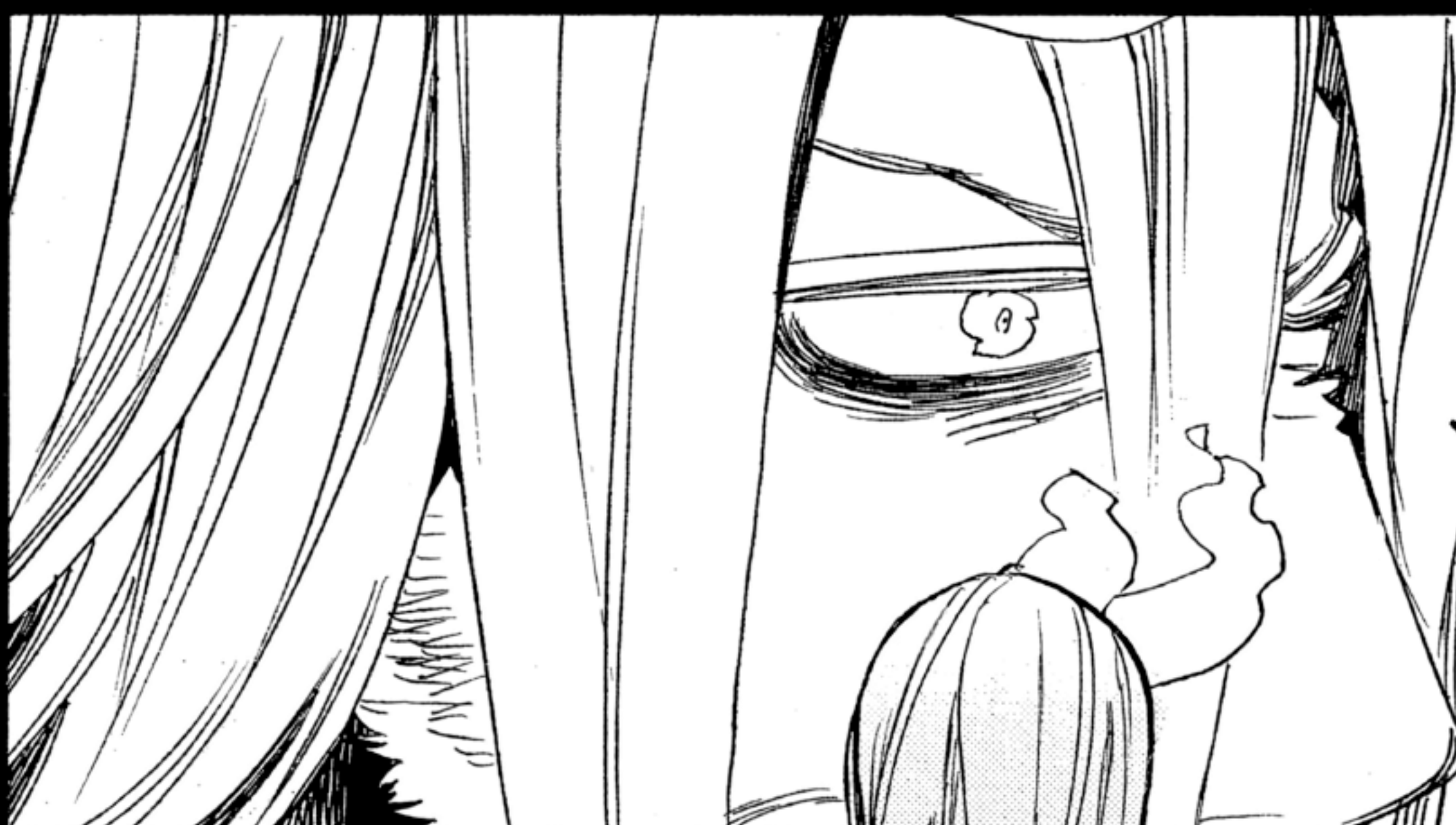
OH...LIKE
WITH **HIM**?

HUH?!



I MUST SAY,
YOU'LL DEVELOP
RESISTANCE
WITH REPEATED
USE...

...AND
THEY'LL
STOP
WORKING.



HEH
HEH

WHILE I WAS
ASLEEP, HE
SURROUNDED
HIMSELF WITH
LACKEYS!



AND YOU
HUMANS WILL
COME WITH ME!

IT'S TIME I
WENT TO
SAY HI.

?!
?



HELLO.

YOUR
POWER IS
SECOND
ONLY TO
MINE.

I'VE BEEN
AWARE OF
YOUR
EXISTENCE
THIS WHOLE
TIME.



SO WHO
ARE YOU?

WHEELZ

...THE KING
OF LIGHT.

I AM
LUCIFER
...

WHEELZ

I AM
FOREMOST
OF THE
BAAL.

AND
...

WHEELZ

...I BOW
BEFORE
YOU.

WHEELZ

I AM AT
YOUR
SERVICE,
MY LORD
AND
FATHER,
SATAN.



PLEASE
TAKE THESE
OTHERS AS
YOUR
ATTENDANTS.

BUT AS YOU
CAN SEE, I AM
UNABLE TO
MOVE AND OF
LITTLE USE.



...AND WILL
GLADLY SERVE
THEIR FATHER.



THEY ARE
SIBLINGS...

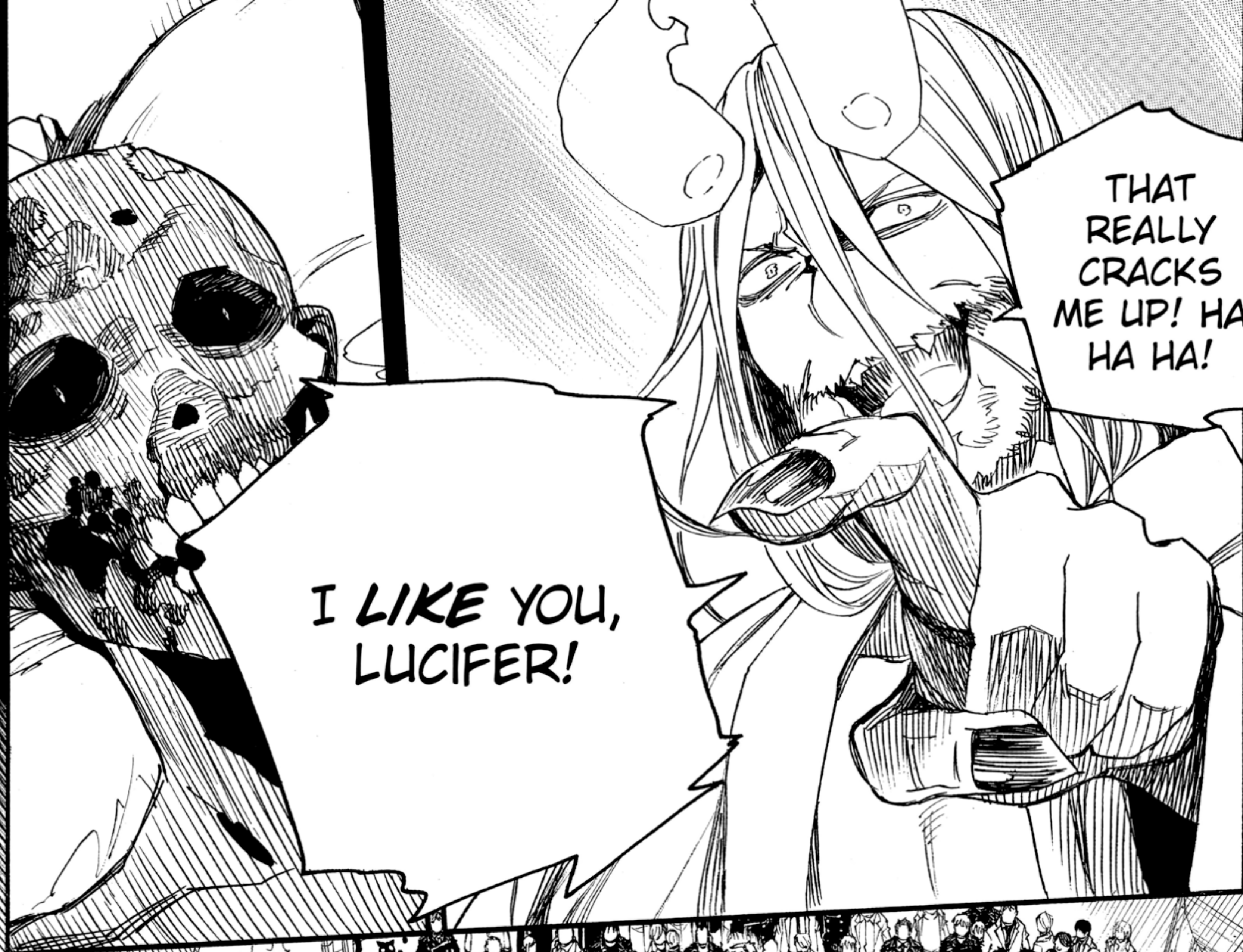


HEH...

HEE
HEE
HEE
...

**BWA
HA HA
HA HA
!!!!**

EXCELLENT!!



THAT
REALLY
CRACKS
ME UP! HA
HA HA!

I LIKE YOU,
LUCIFER!

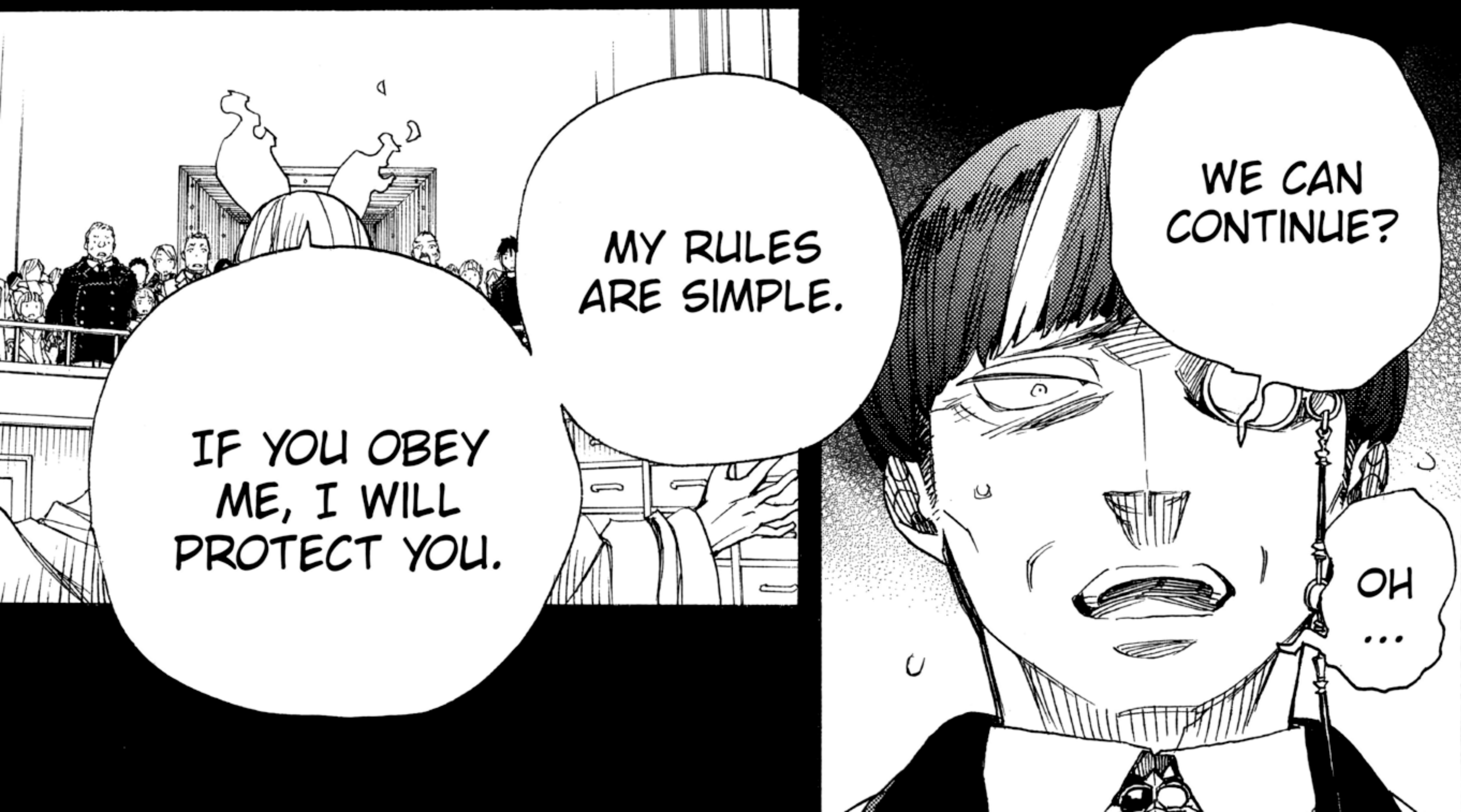
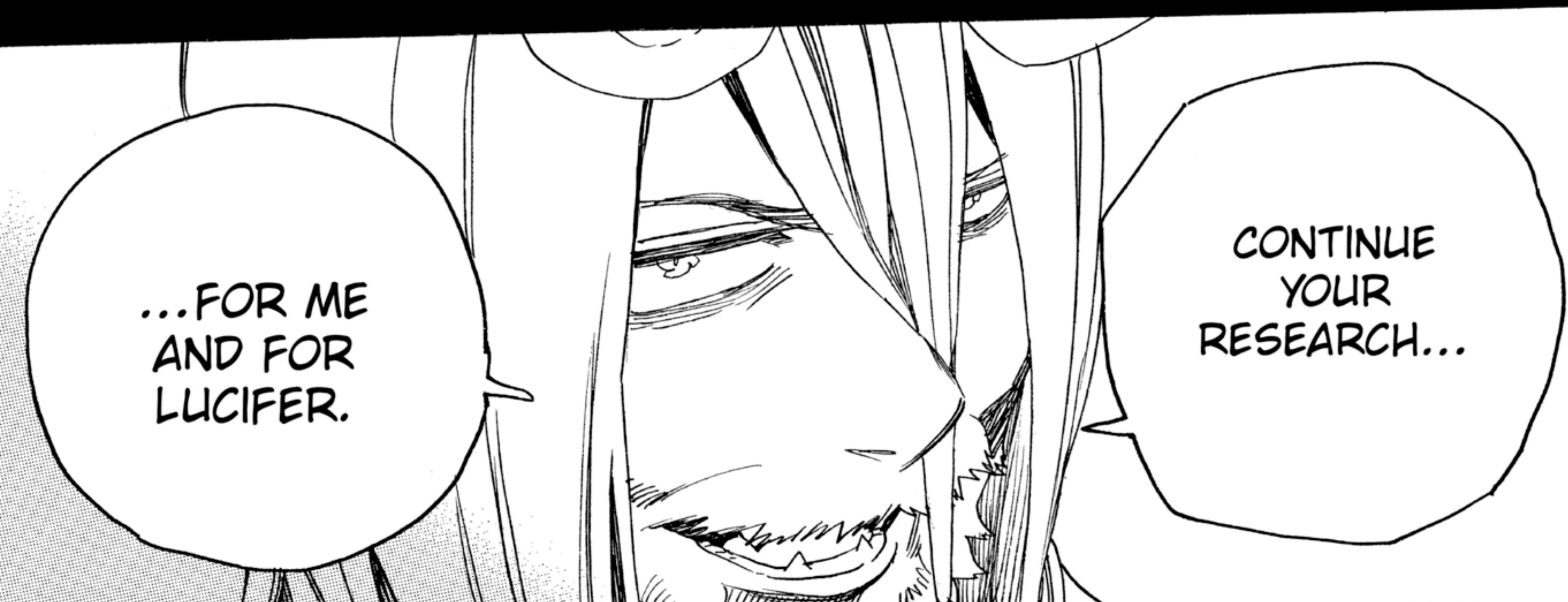


NOW
LISTEN!!

THIS
RESEARCH
FACILITY IS
NOW *MY*
CASTLE!

I AM KING!
AND YOU ARE
SUBJECTS OF
MY REALM!

??!!



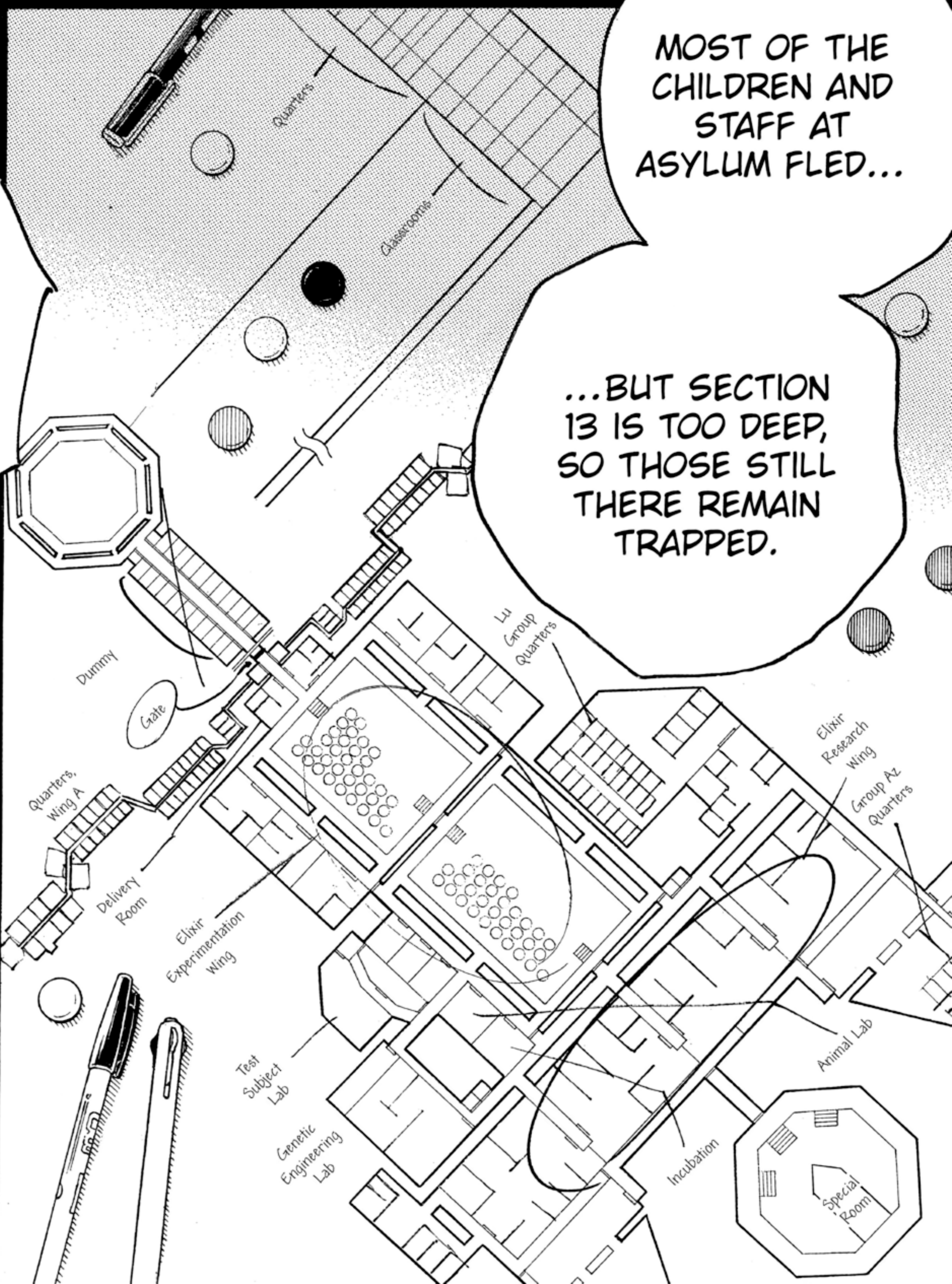


BUT IF YOU
RESIST, I'LL
KILL YOU ALL.



THE WORKERS
AND TEST
SUBJECTS ARE
SATAN'S HOSTAGES.
HE'S DEMANDING
FOOD, LIVING
NECESSITIES AND
RESEARCH
MATERIALS.

IS HE
PREPARING
FOR A
SIEGE?!



MOST OF THE
CHILDREN AND
STAFF AT
ASYLUM FLED...

...BUT SECTION
13 IS TOO DEEP,
SO THOSE STILL
THERE REMAIN
TRAPPED.

WE CAN'T
HIDE THIS
ANY
LONGER.

WE'RE GETTING
INQUIRES ABOUT
THE BARRIER BREACH
FROM ALL OVER THE
COUNTRY AND AROUND
THE WORLD.

...AND MAKE A
STATEMENT
REGARDING THE
REST.

CONCEAL THE
SITUATION
WITHIN
SECTION 13...

THE SIEGE OF ASYLUM: OPERATION BASE





AND OSCEOLA REDARM FROM THE MEXICO BRANCH IS HERE!

HEY, LOOK! !!

SATAN ACTUALLY EXISTS?!

THERE'S LUCY YANG FROM THE CHINA BRANCH.

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

SIR PHELES CONFIRMED IT HIMSELF.

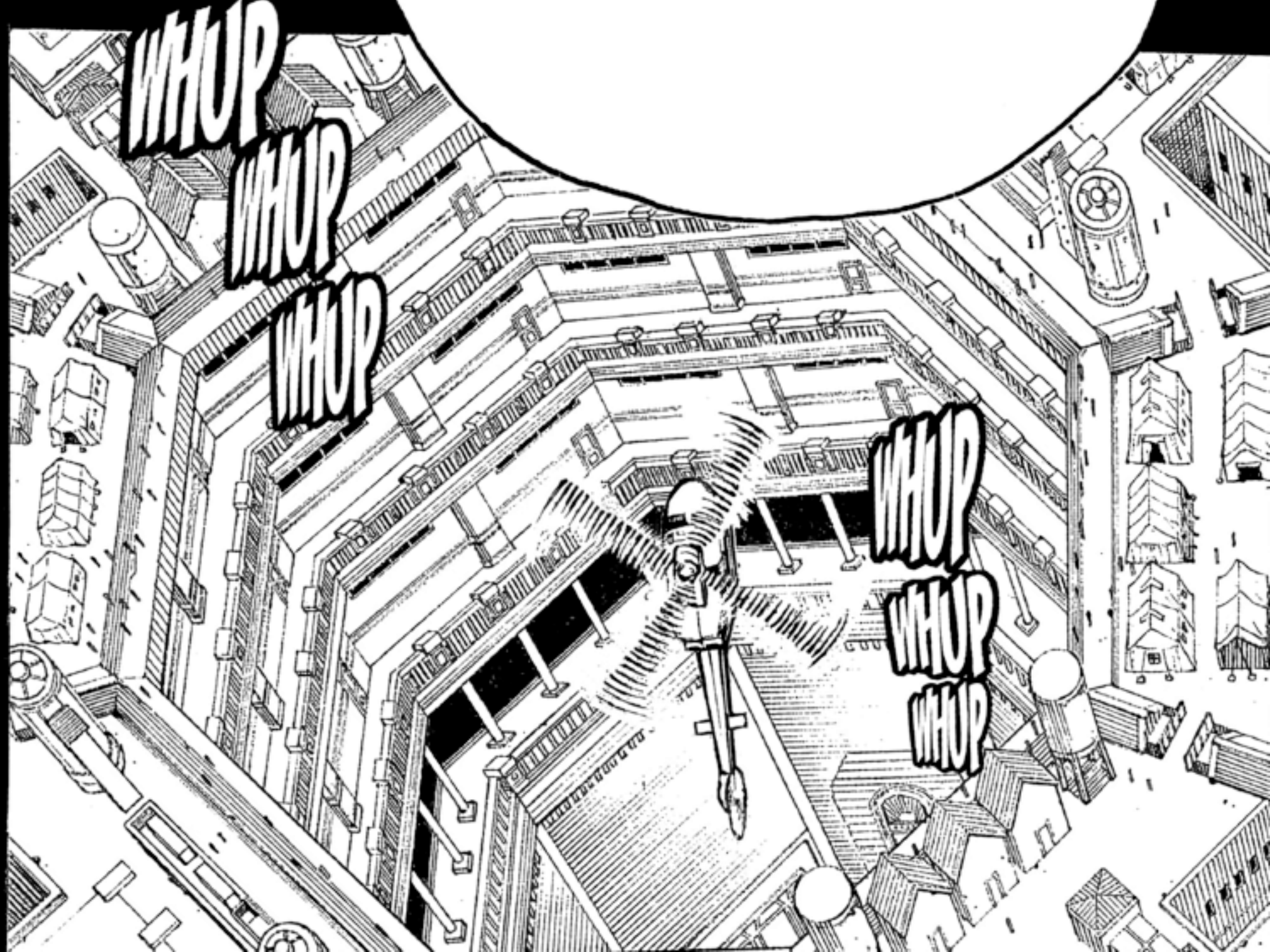


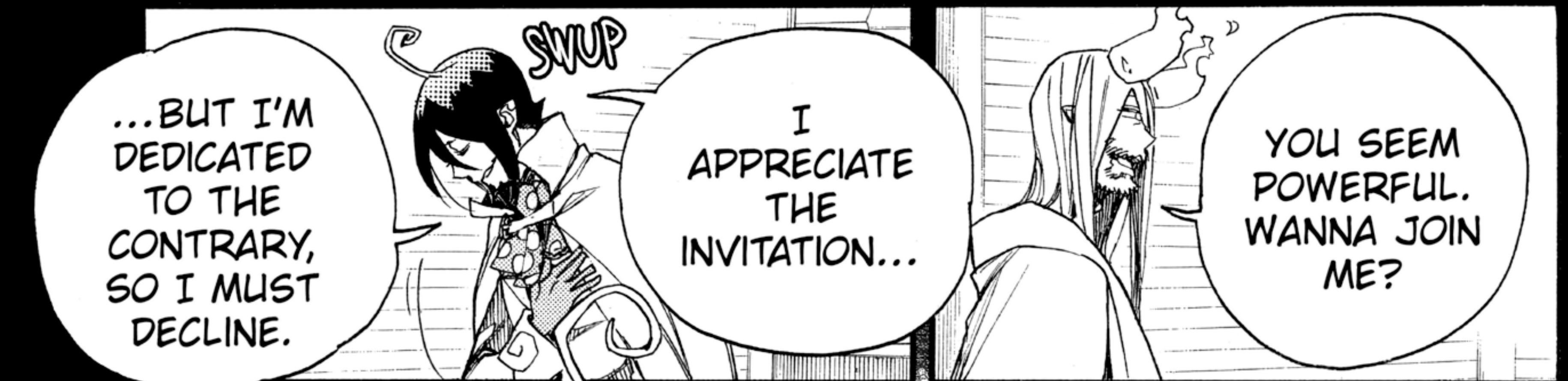
NO ARCH KNIGHTS ARE HERE, BUT THE PALADIN HAS COME.

AND THAT'S THE PALADIN.

IS THAT SHIRO FUJIMOTO?
HE DOESN'T LOOK SO TOUGH.

THE ORDER'S MOBILIZING ITS HEAVY HITTERS!







BWA HA
HA HA!!

EXCHANGE?
DON'T MAKE
ME LAUGH!
HA HA
HA HA!

GYAA
HA HA
HA HA
HAAA!!!

YOU
FORGET
YOUR
PLACE,
FOOL!!

KRASH

...WE'LL RUN
OUT OF THE
SUPPLIES IN
STORAGE HERE.
BRING MORE
BEFORE THEN.

IN A
MONTH...

OTHERWISE,
I'LL WASTE
EVERYONE HERE
IN AN INSTANT.

PLIP
ORIP

BRING
ME AN
ELIXIR!!

SLEEP

!

EVERY
LAST
ONE!

I'LL
SLAUGHTER
THEM ALL!
WA HA HA!

THAT'S

BESIDES,
SATAN'S
VESSEL
WILL NOT
LAST
LONG.

WE MUSTN'T
GIVE IN TO
DEMONS.

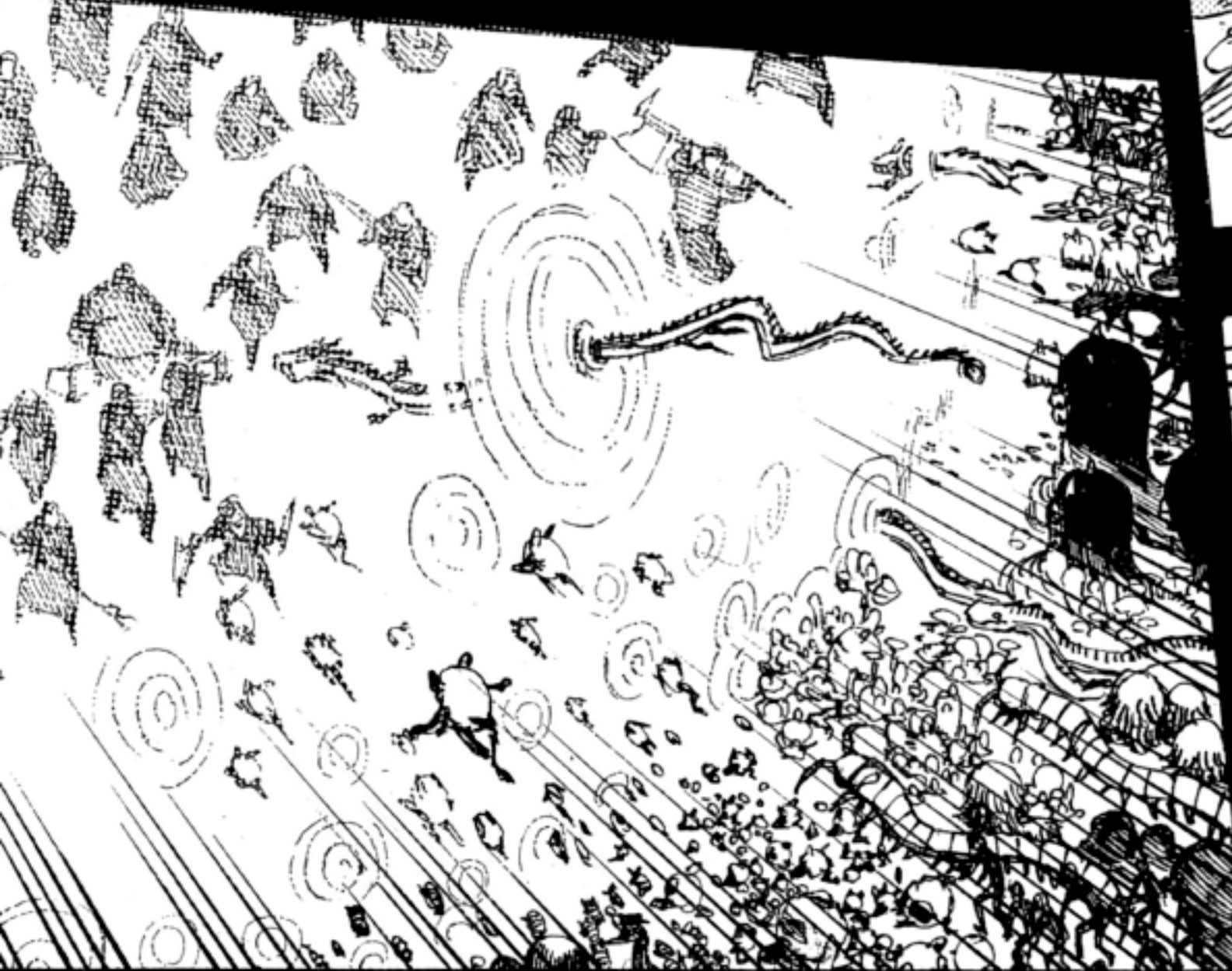
BUT WE CAN'T
LEARN THAT
WITHOUT
FIGHTING HIM.

WE MUST
PRIORITIZE THE
HOSTAGES'
SAFETY AND
PROVIDE
SUPPLIES...

...UNTIL WE HAVE
A SURE METHOD
OF EXORCISING
SATAN.

DURING
THE NEXT
MONTH...

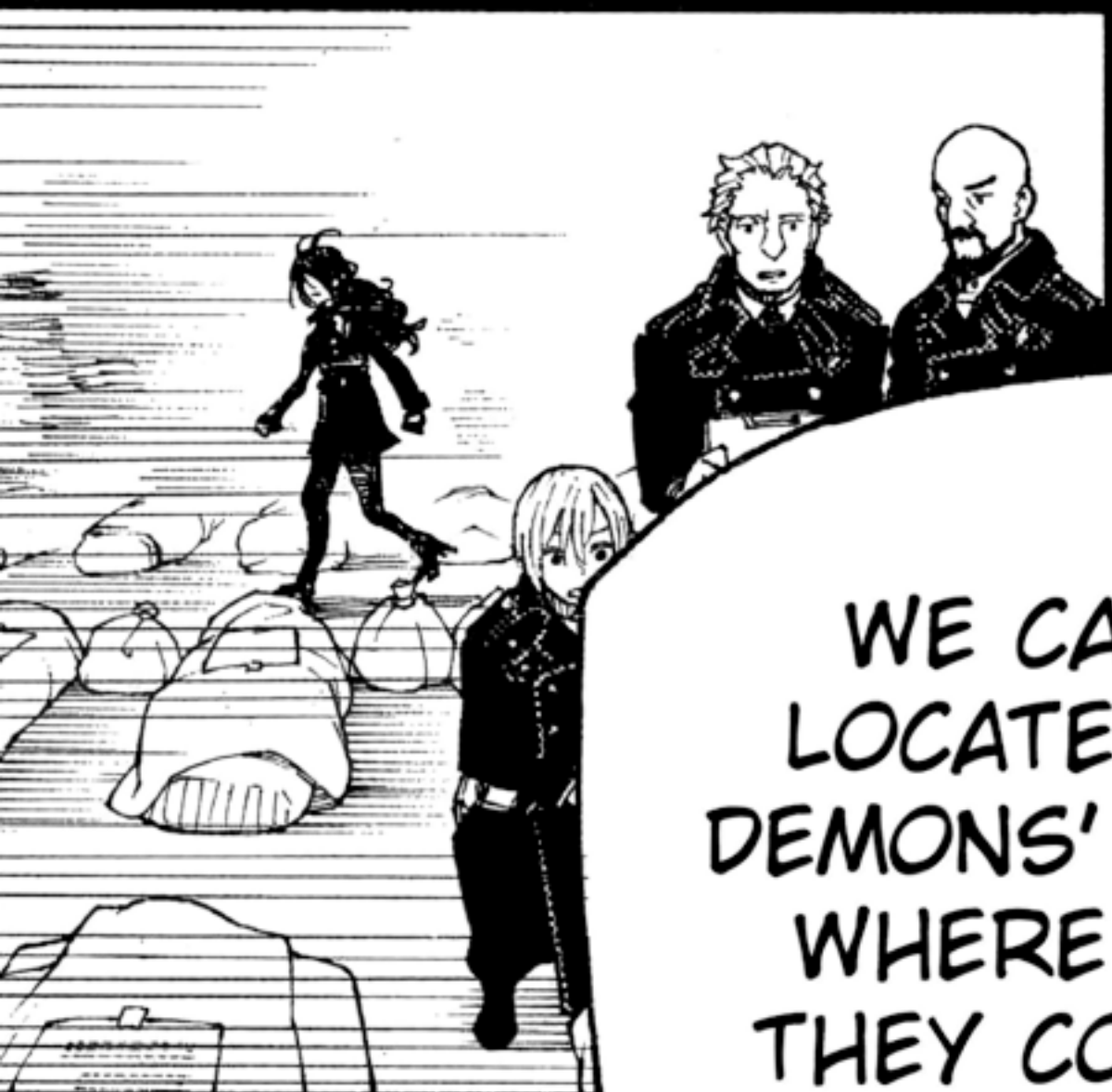
...WE'LL
STALL AND
WAIT FOR
SATAN'S BODY
TO DECAY.



IT'S BEEN A MONTH, AND WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND A WAY TO RECAPTURE ASYLLUM...



...AND THE NUMBER OF DEAD IS MOUNTING.



WE CAN'T LOCATE THE DEMONS' BASE. WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM?



...

OSCEOLA, ISN'T SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THIS FIGHT?



HOW'S THIS
GONNA
END?!

I NEVER
HEARD ABOUT
THREE BAAL
SHOWING UP!

TOMORROW,
WE'RE GOING TO
ACCEPT THE
CONDITIONS FOR
THE HOSTAGES'
SAKE.

BUT SATAN
HASN'T
SHOWN
HIMSELF.



I CAN
PERSUADE
HIM TO
STOP!

PLEASE!
LET *ME* GO
TO SATAN!!

ARE YOU
STILL GOING
ON ABOUT
THAT?



PEOPLE ARE
DYING! I CAN'T
JUST WAIT
AROUND!

SHOULD HE
COME FORTH,
YOU MAY
CONTRIBUTE
YOUR
KNOWLEDGE.

WE ALLOW YOUR
PRESENCE HERE
BECAUSE YOU
KNOW MORE
ABOUT SATAN
THAN ANYONE.

?!

THE CURRENT
SITUATION
SERVES OUR
INTERESTS
BEST.

LET ME
MAKE
THIS
CLEAR.

YES. BUT ONLY
IMMEDIATELY
AFTER TAKING
ASYLUM.

SATAN
ASKED
FOR ME,
DIDN'T HE?

SINCE THEN,
HE HASN'T
ASKED EVEN
ONCE.

HUH?

SATAN WANTS
THE ELIXIRS, SO
HE'S BASICALLY
KEEPING SECTION
13 SECURE FOR
US.

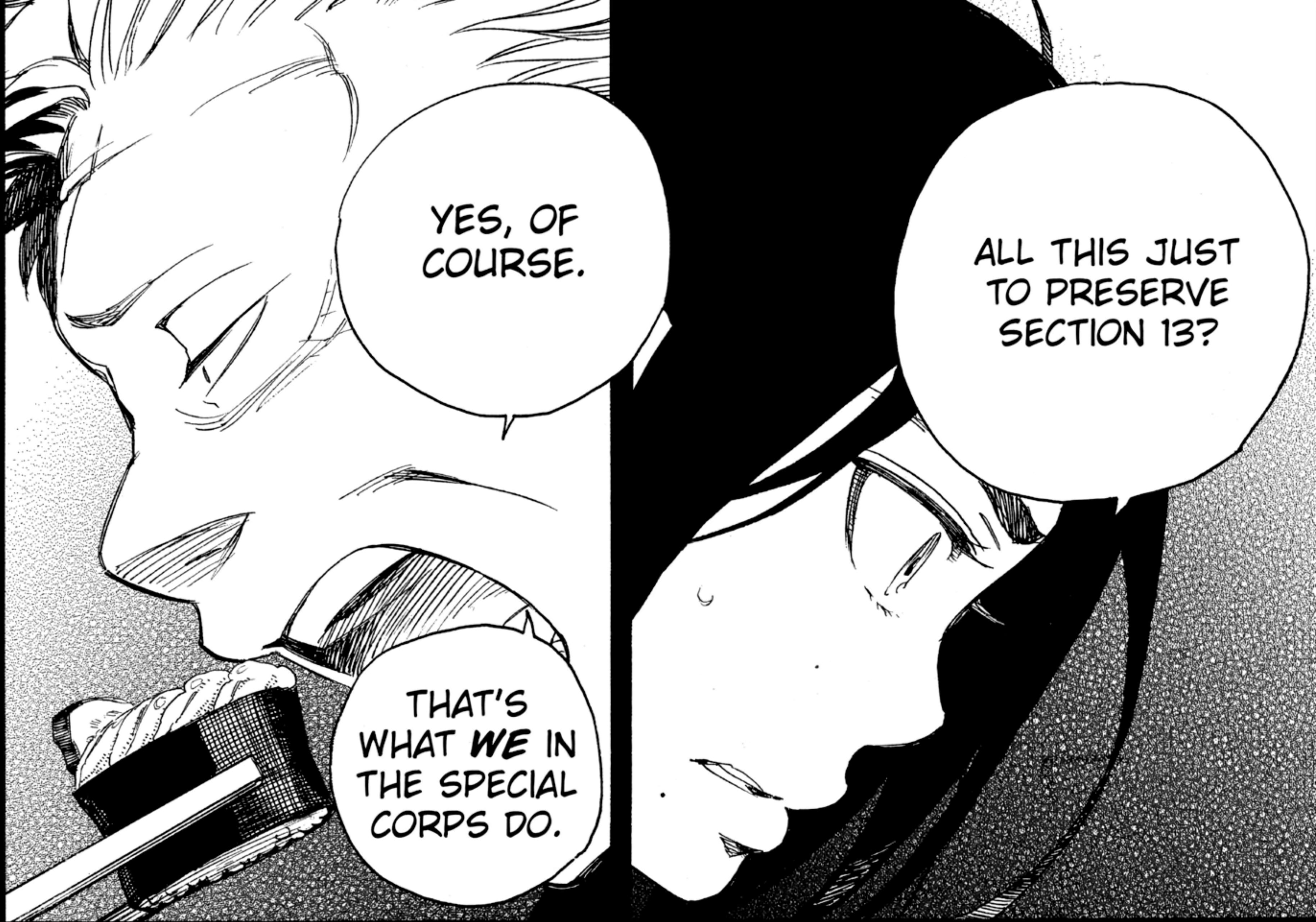
MEANWHILE,
WE ARE
SECRETLY
DELIVERING
SUPPLIES TO
SECTION 13.

THE
REINFORCEMENTS
FROM OVERSEAS
KNOW NOTHING
EVEN AS THEY
ENGAGE IN THE
BITTER STRUGGLE
FOR ASYLUM.

HE'S
FIGHTING ON
**DEATH'S
DOOR.**

HOWEVER,
HIS
HEALTH IS
FAILING.

WE DON'T
KNOW HOW
LONG HE'LL
LAST, BUT HE
MAY SIMPLY
ROT AWAY.



YES, OF COURSE.

ALL THIS JUST TO PRESERVE SECTION 13?

THAT'S WHAT **WE** IN THE SPECIAL CORPS DO.



HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SNEAK INTO SECTION 13?

SHIRO...

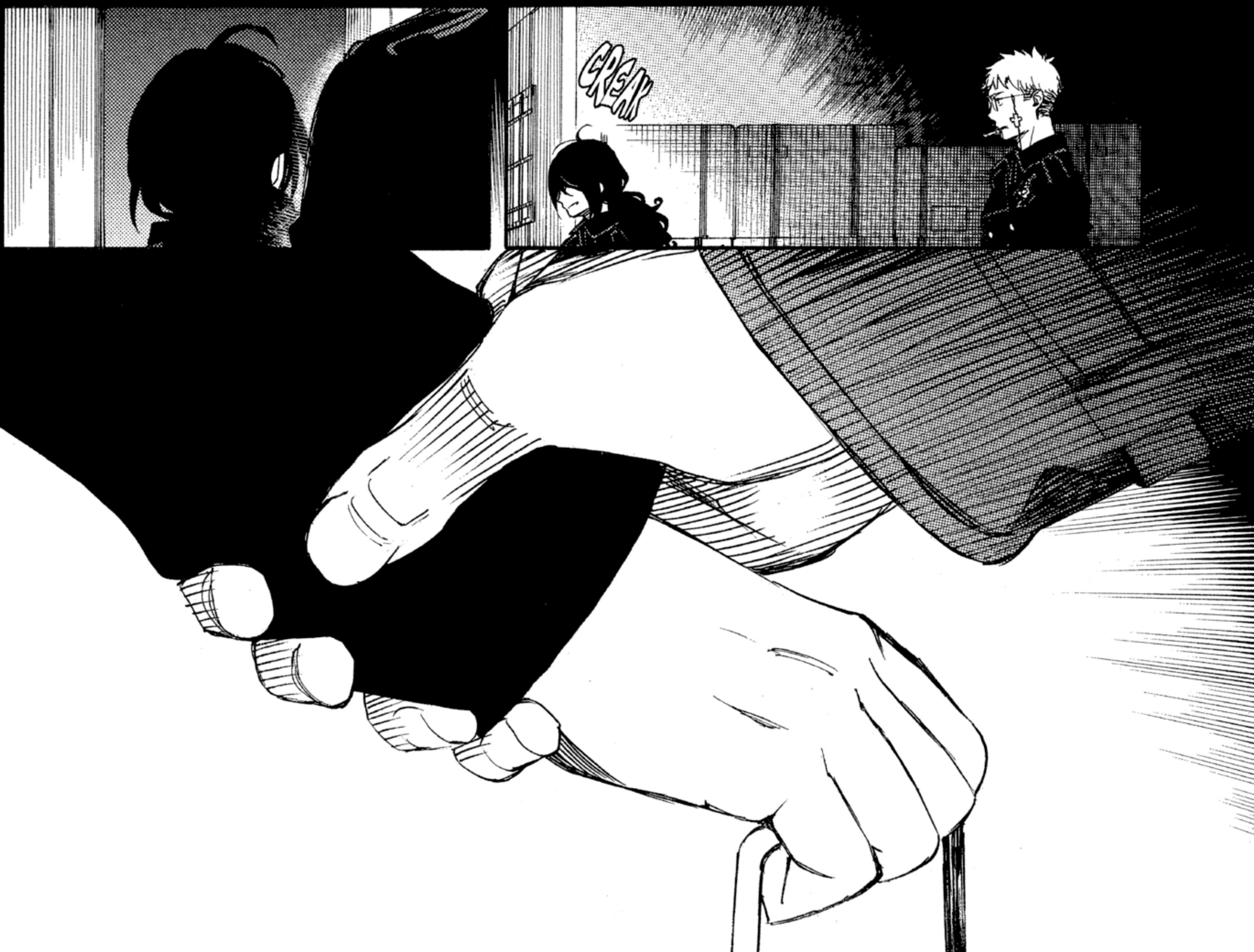
YOU'RE GOING IN ANYWAY, EH?

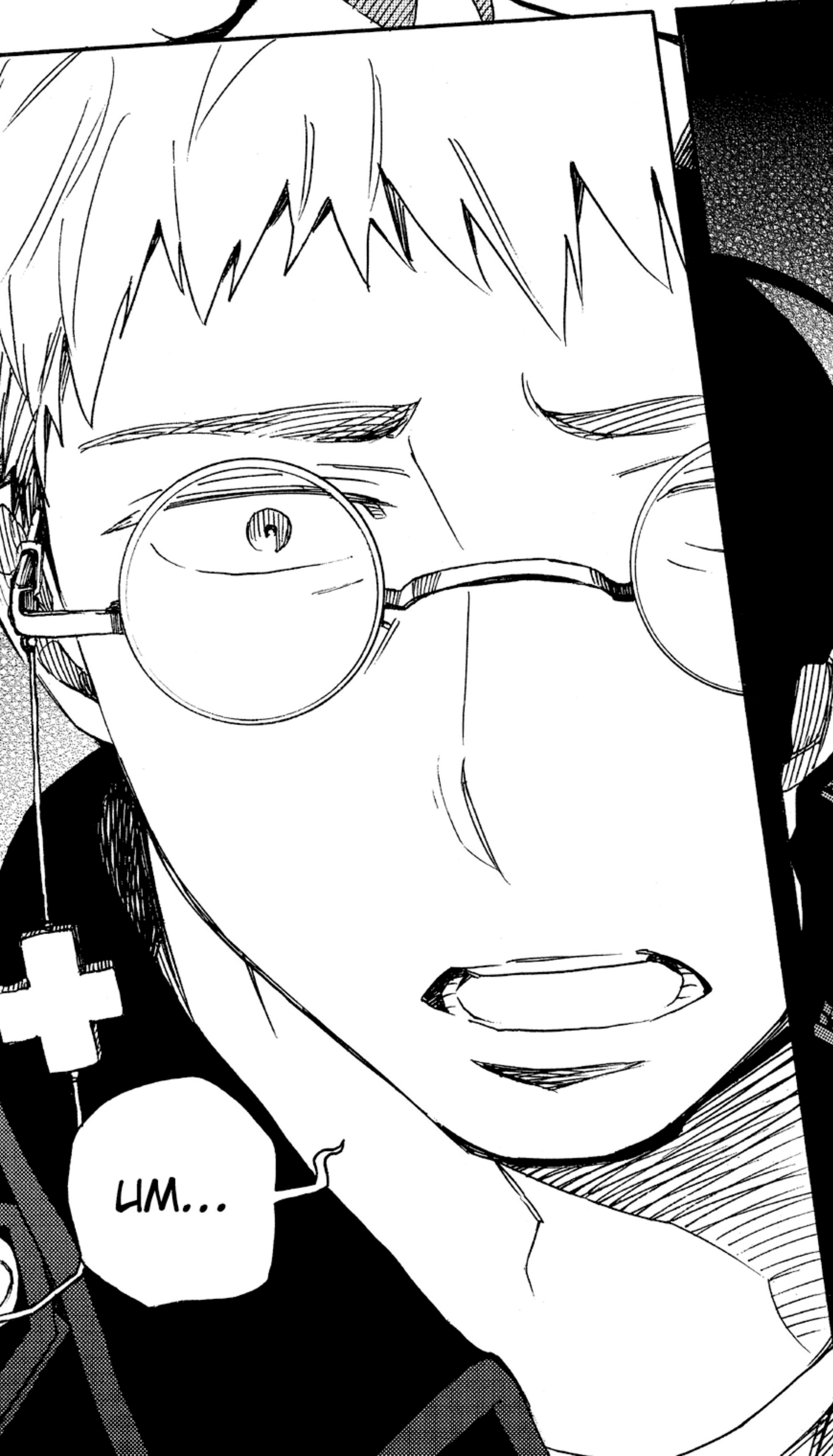
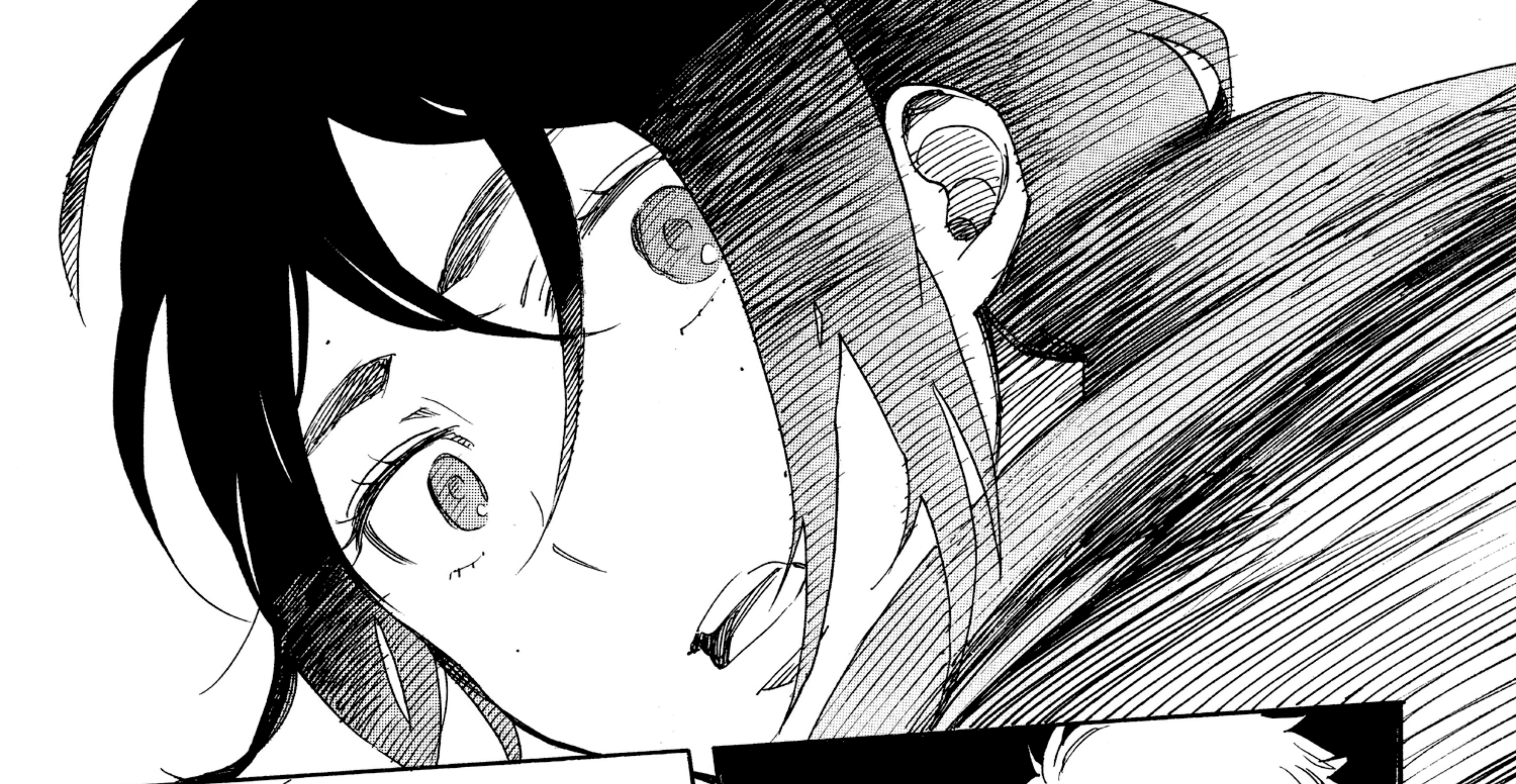
!

SWIP

DIDN'T YOU RETURN YOUR KEY?







UM...



ACTUALLY
...



SKREE

SKREE

SKREE

WAAAAH!

SKREE

SKREE

FATHER
FUJIMOTO!!

WHERE
?!

...BREAK...

...GRRH...

SHUP







C'MON... SPIT
OUT YOUR
DEMANDS.

...SATAN.

LONG
TIME, NO
SEE...

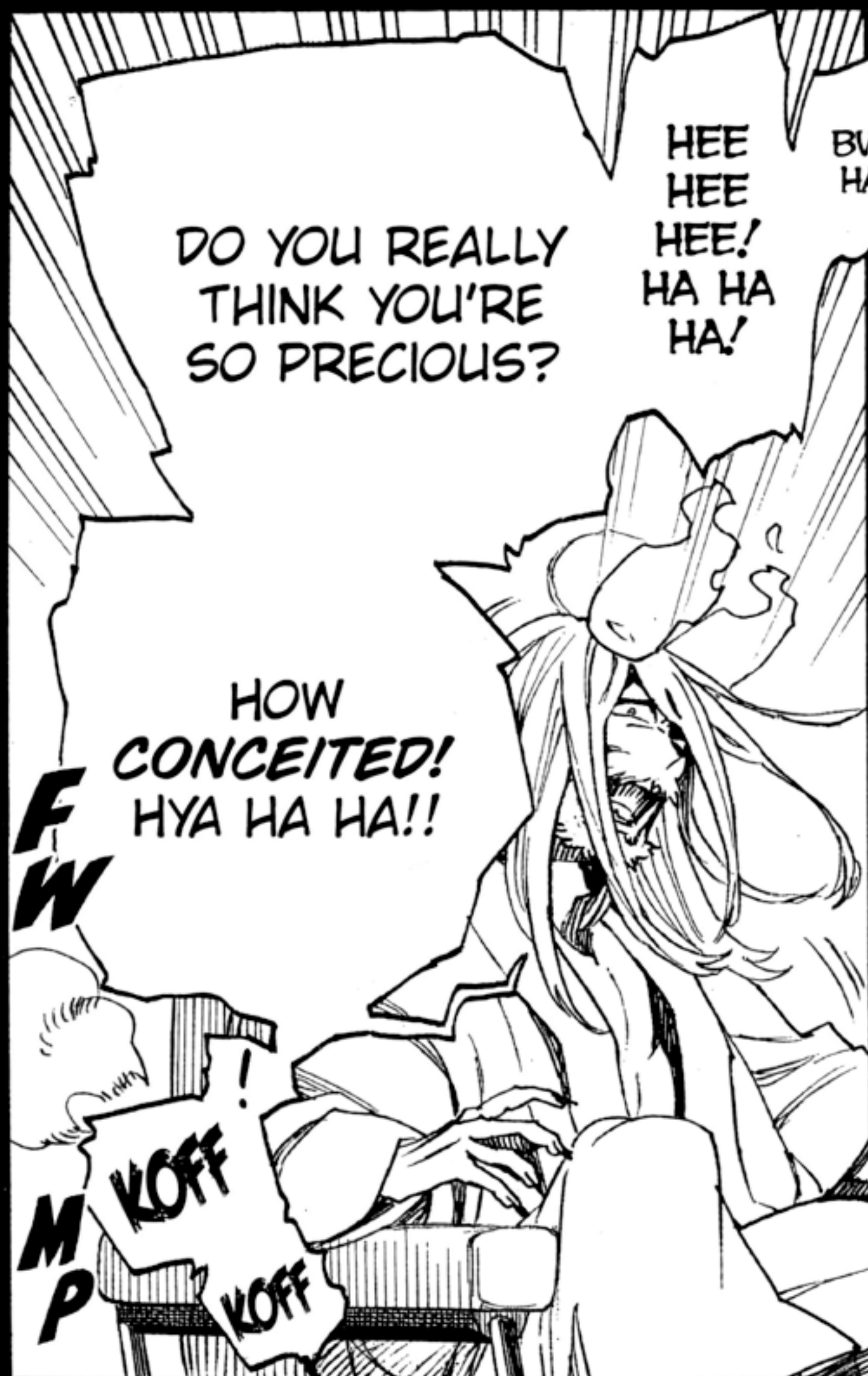


PLEASE...

...STOP
FIGHTING
AGAINST
HUMANS...



...AND RELEASE
THE PEOPLE
FROM SECTION
13.



DO YOU REALLY
THINK YOU'RE
SO PRECIOUS?

HEE
HEE
HEE!
HA HA
HA!

BWA
HA!

HOW
CONCEITED!
HYA HA HA!!

F
W

M
P

KOFF
KOFF



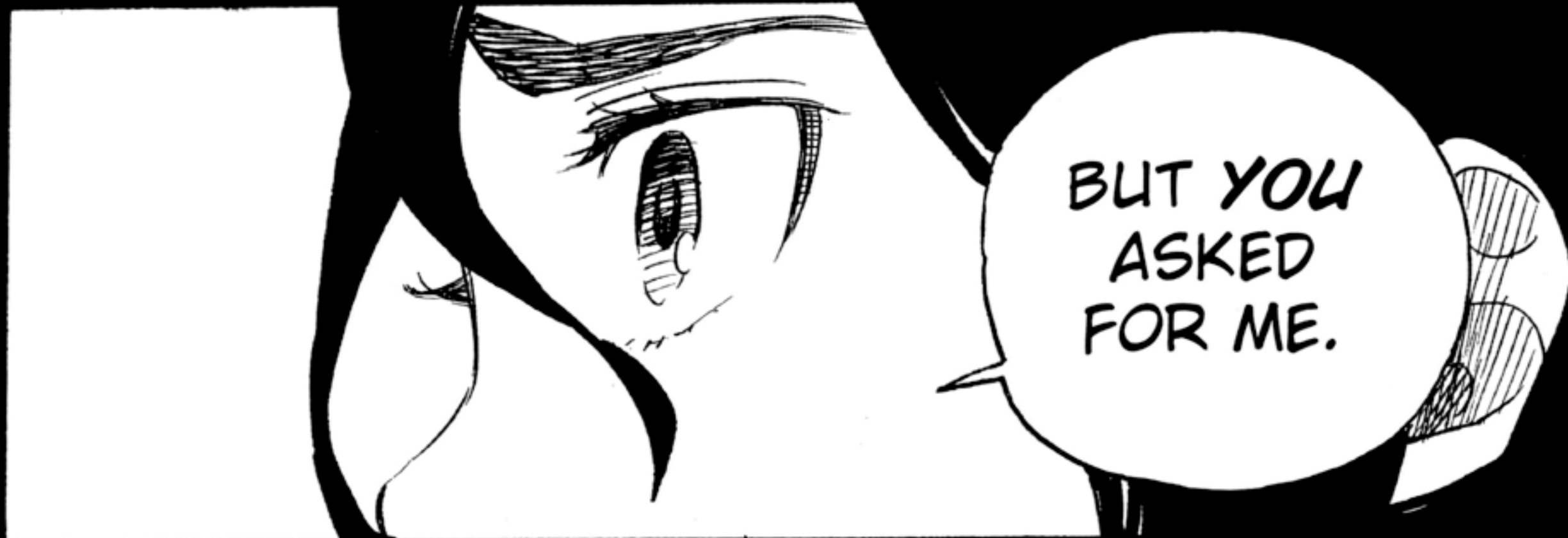
THIS TIME, I
WON'T LEAVE
YOU!

LET'S RUN
AWAY
TOGETHER!

THIS...



...



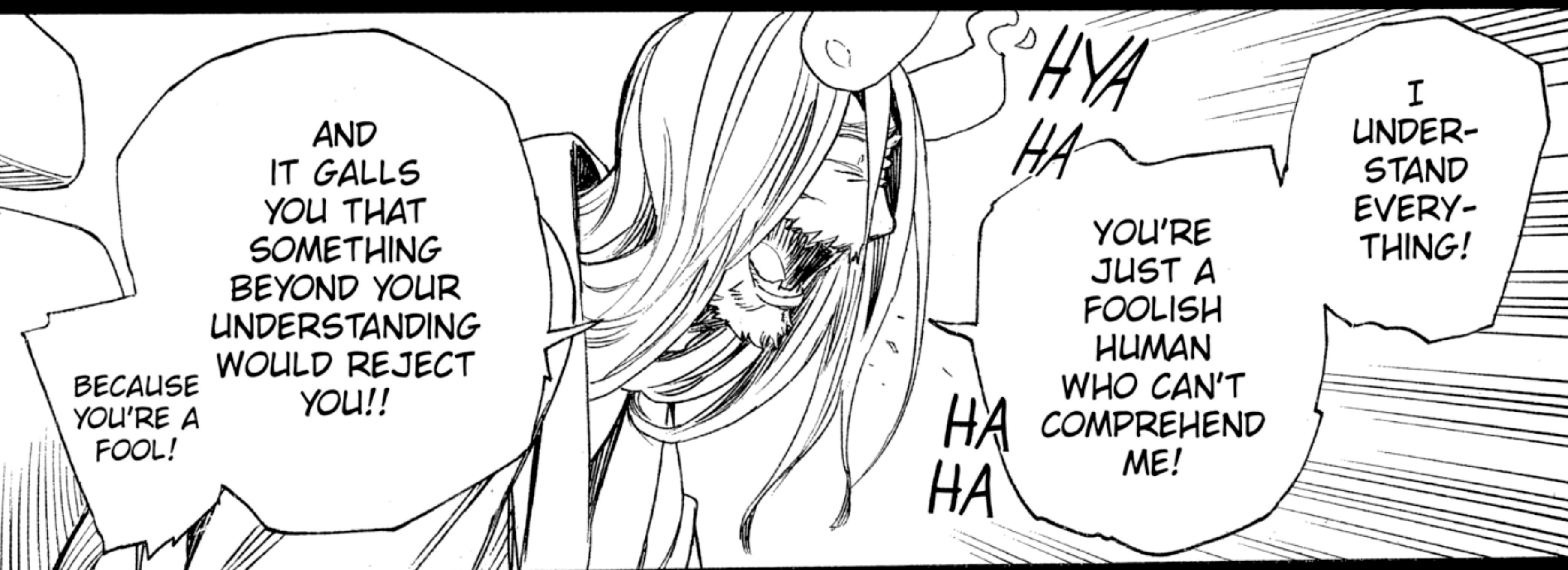
BUT YOU
ASKED
FOR ME.



BUT
SURELY
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
BE WITH
ME!



LET ME
BE WITH
YOU!



BECAUSE
YOU'RE A
FOOL!

AND
IT GALLS
YOU THAT
SOMETHING
BEYOND YOUR
UNDERSTANDING
WOULD REJECT
YOU!!

HYA
HA

HA
HA

YOU'RE
JUST A
FOOLISH
HUMAN
WHO CAN'T
COMPREHEND
ME!

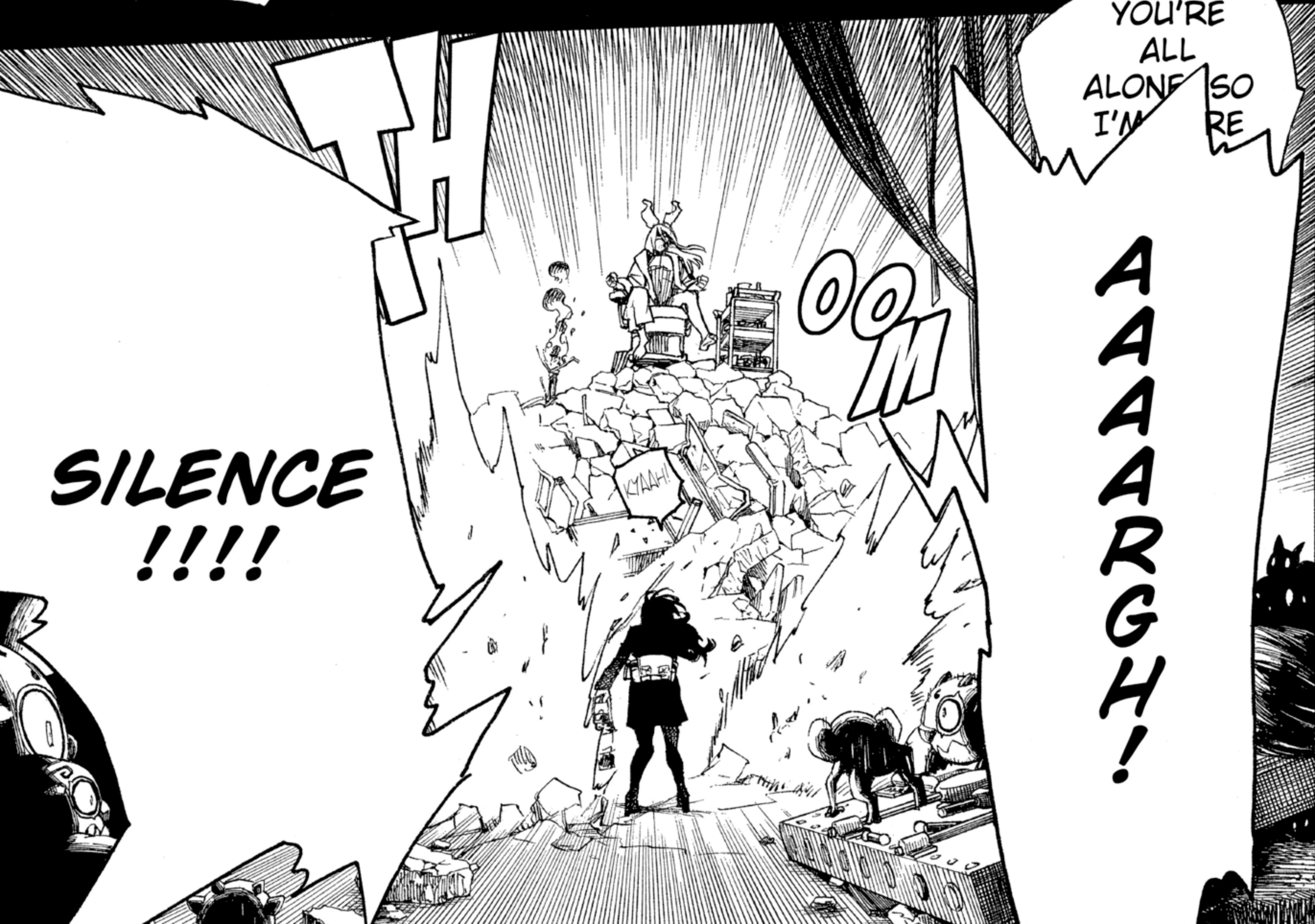
I
UNDER-
STAND
EVERY-
THING!



SO YOU
MUST BE
TERRIFIED!

I HEARD
YOUR BODY
WON'T LAST
MUCH
LONGER!

NO, I'M
WORRIED
!!



SILENCE
!!!!

OOM

YOU'RE
ALL
ALONE SO
I'M SO
RE

AAARGH!



I'M
PERFECT...

WHY
DON'T
YOU GET
THAT?!

DON'T
TREAT ME
LIKE A
CHILD! I
AM A
GOD!

ACK!

KOFF
KOFF

I AM
PERFECT!

...SO WHY DO
I HAVE TO
SUFFER LIKE
THIS?!



SO
BEGONE!

YOU'VE
BECOME REALLY
TROUBLESOME!



KILL
HER
!!!!





ACTUALLY

...

I WANT
YOU BY
MY SIDE.



***YOU
BELONG
WITH ME!***

...OKAY.





CHAPTER 108:

SSC23: 17c

DO

WE'RE
PULLING
OUT!

WE SHALL
ABANDON THIS
CASTLE!

OK

??!!

HUH?!

SO I
SHOULD GO
SOMEWHERE
COMFORT-
ABLE...

I'M
GOING TO
DIE SOON
ANYWAY.

WHAT
ABOUT THE
ELIXIRS?!

WHAT
ABOUT
THE
RESEARCH
?!

MUMBLE
...WITH
THE
WOMAN
I LOVE
...

...AND DO
AS I
PLEASE.

... FELL
HEAD
OVER
HEELS!

LORD
SATAN...

HAW

HAW

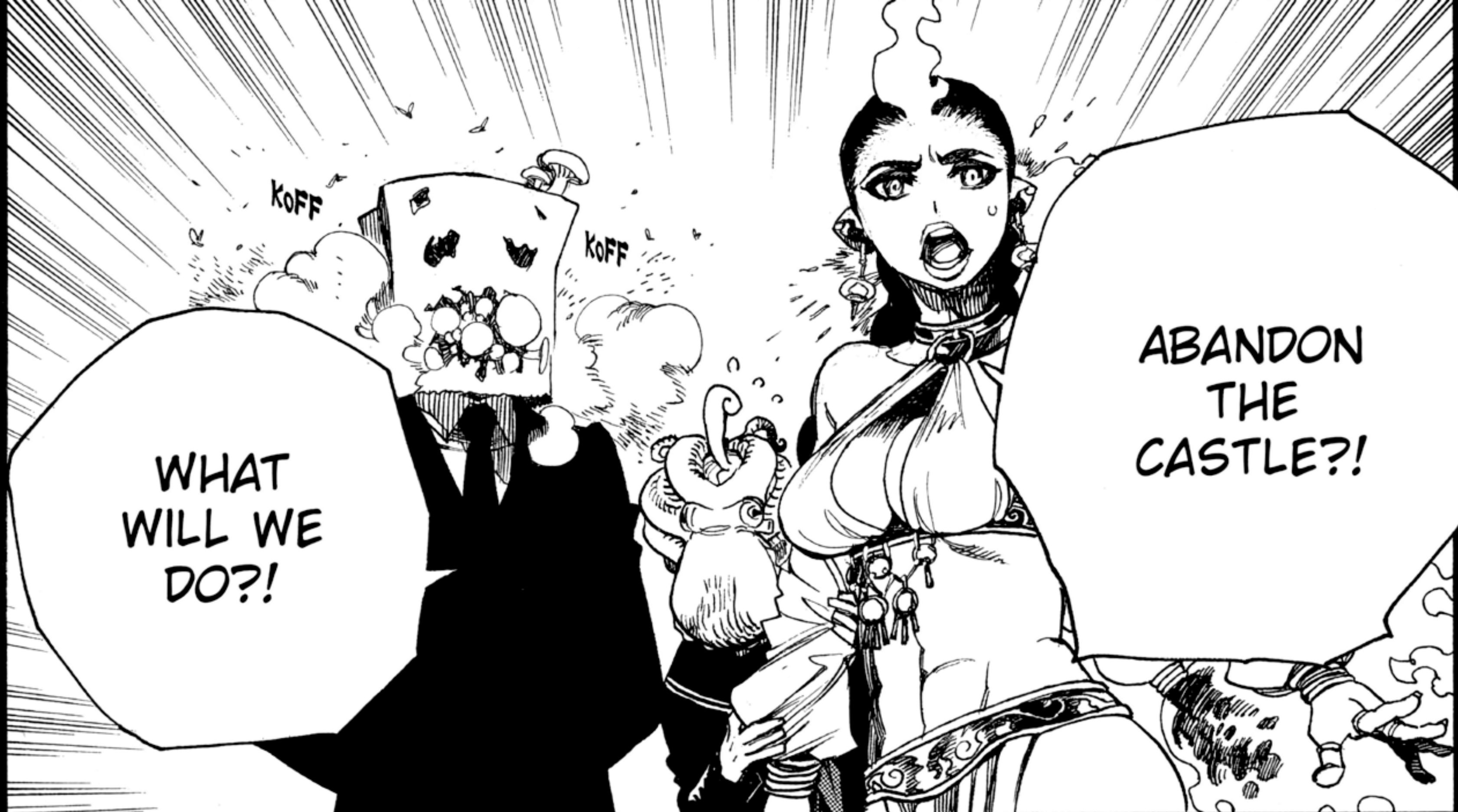
HAW!

HAW!

I'M
JEAL-
OUS!

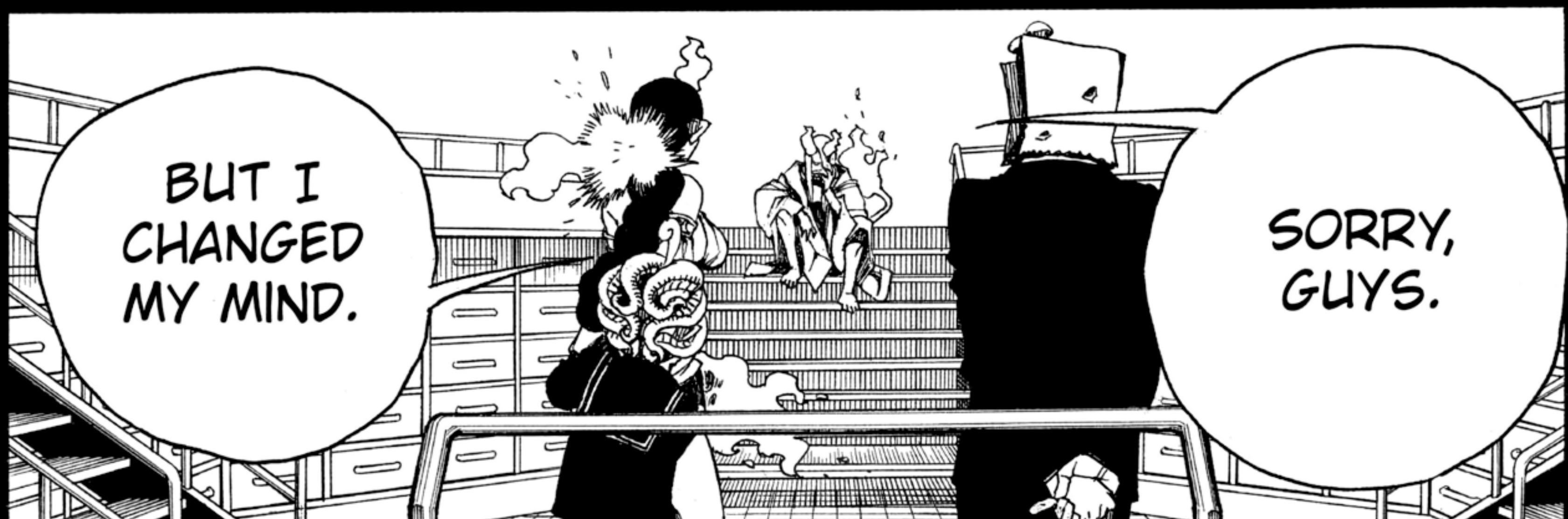
HEE
HEE
HEE

BUT...



WHAT
WILL WE
DO?!

ABANDON
THE
CASTLE?!



BUT I
CHANGED
MY MIND.

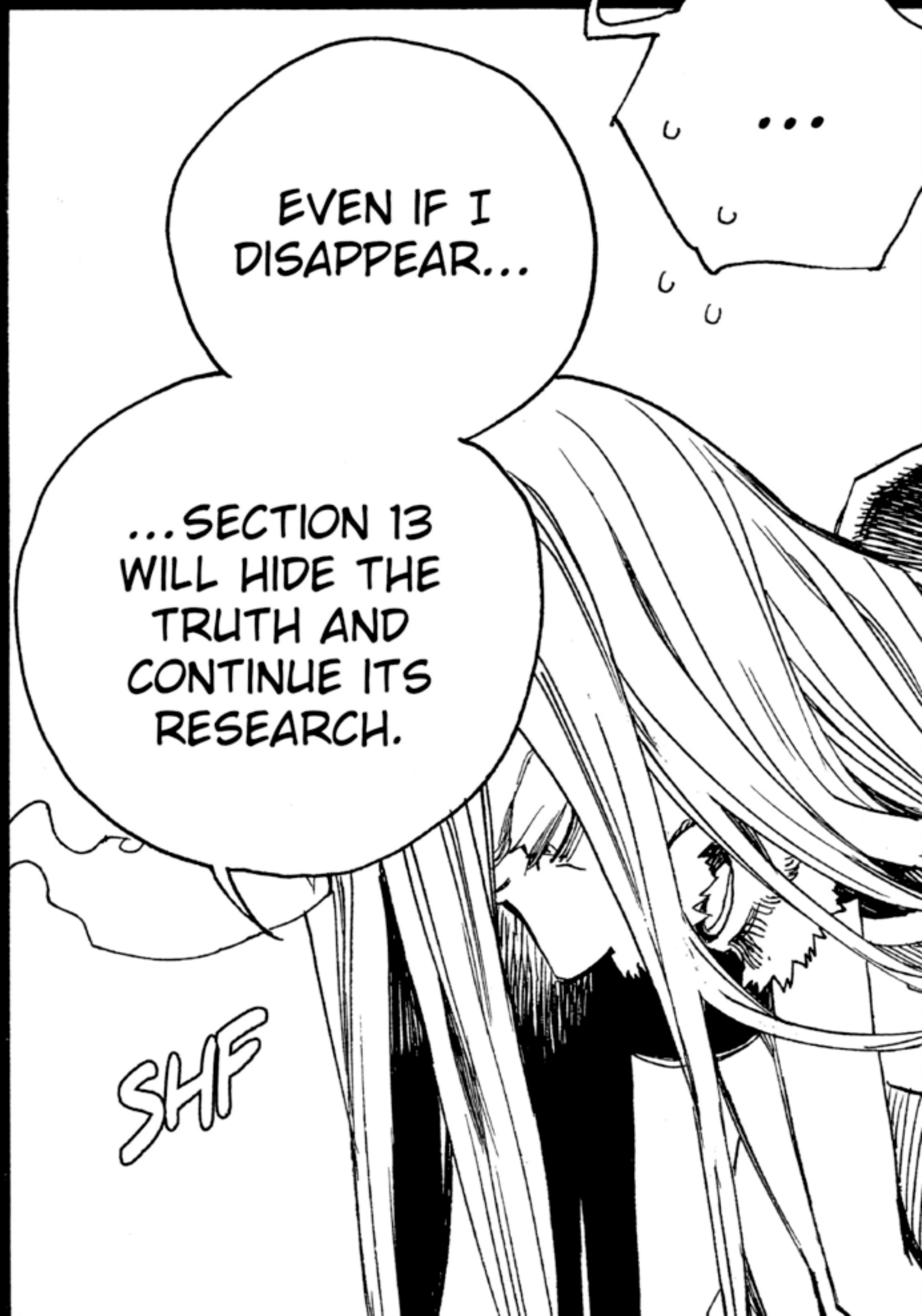
SORRY,
GUYS.



...THAT YOU
FINALLY
ACQUIRED?

FATHER, WHY
ARE YOU
GIVING UP ON
THE BODY...

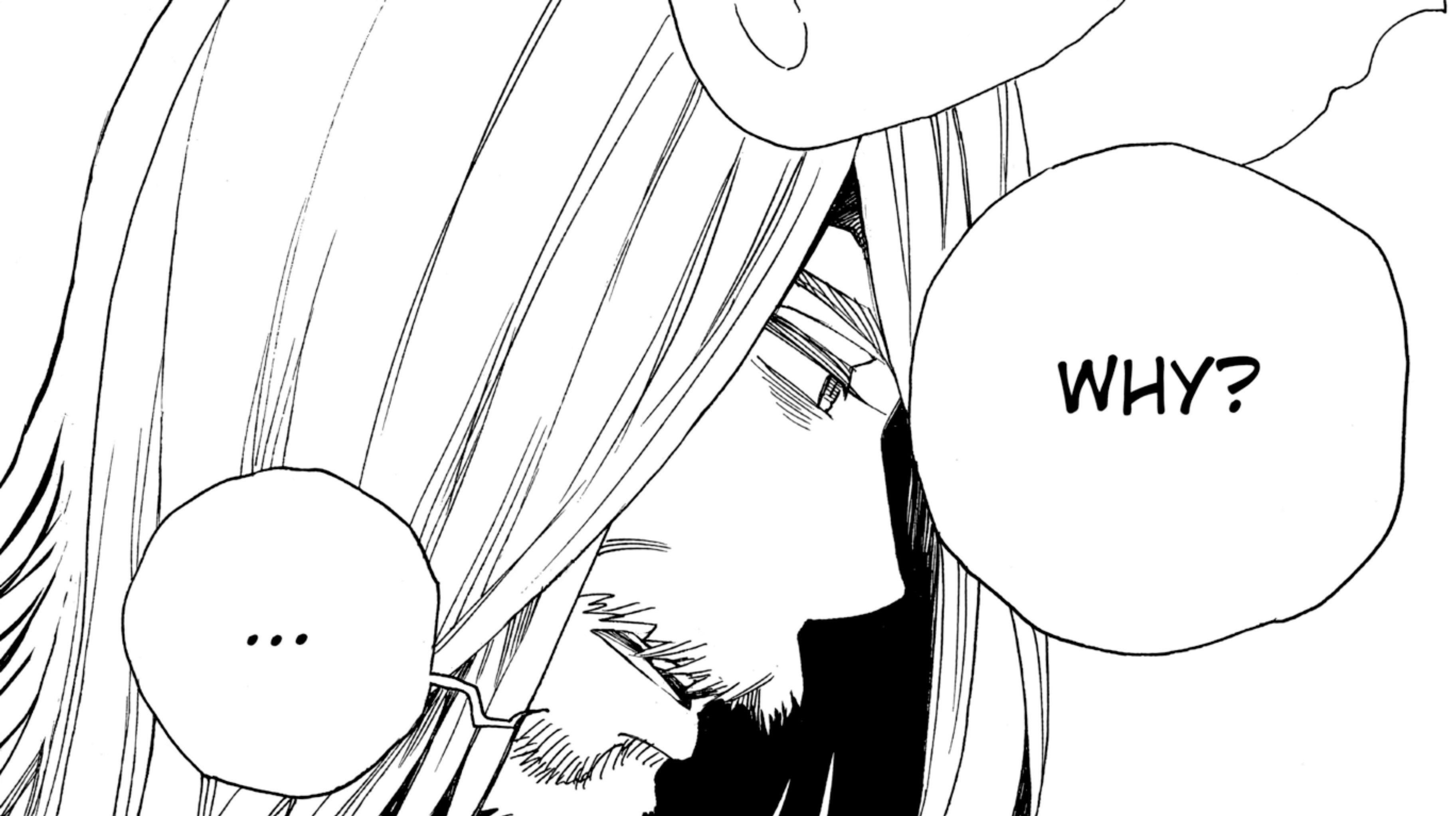
FAREWELL.

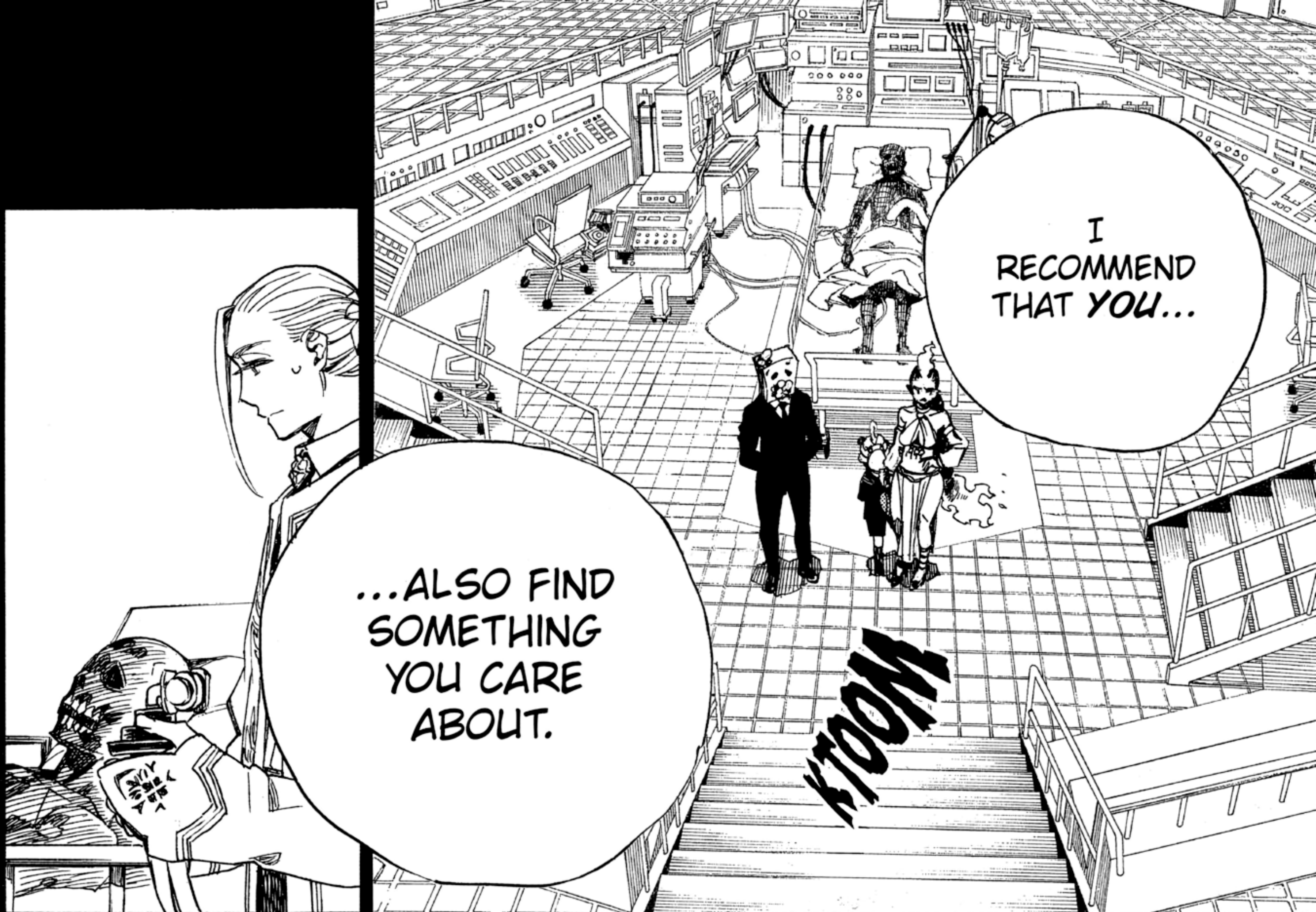


EVEN IF I
DISAPPEAR...

...SECTION 13
WILL HIDE THE
TRUTH AND
CONTINUE ITS
RESEARCH.

SHF

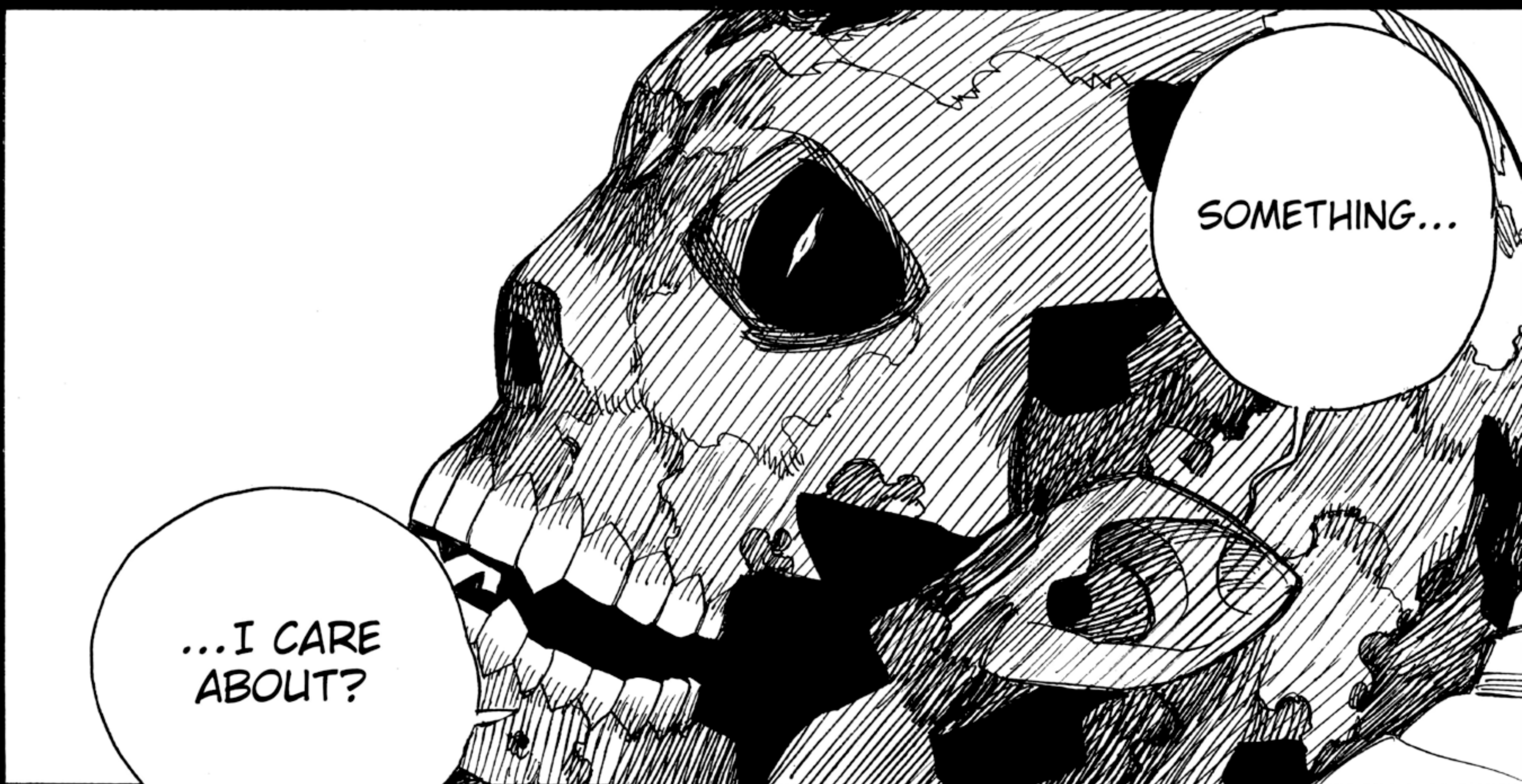




I
RECOMMEND
THAT YOU...

...ALSO FIND
SOMETHING
YOU CARE
ABOUT.

KROOM



SOMETHING...

...I CARE
ABOUT?



NO,
DON'T.

BUT
IF I
KILL
HER-

THAT WOMAN
HAS CONFUSED
OUR FATHER!

LUCIFER, MY
BROTHER!

SIMPLY
OBEY.

DO NOT
DOUBT
FATHER'S
POWER.

FALL
BACK!

WAAAH!

REINFORCE-
MENTS!

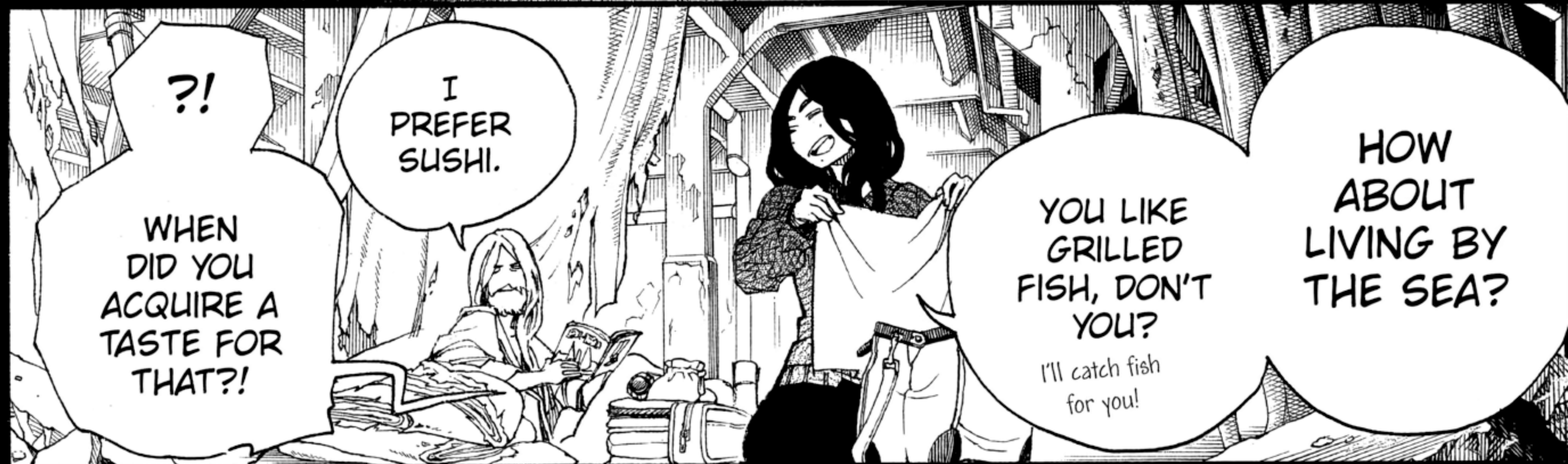
THE
DEMONS ARE
LEAVING?!

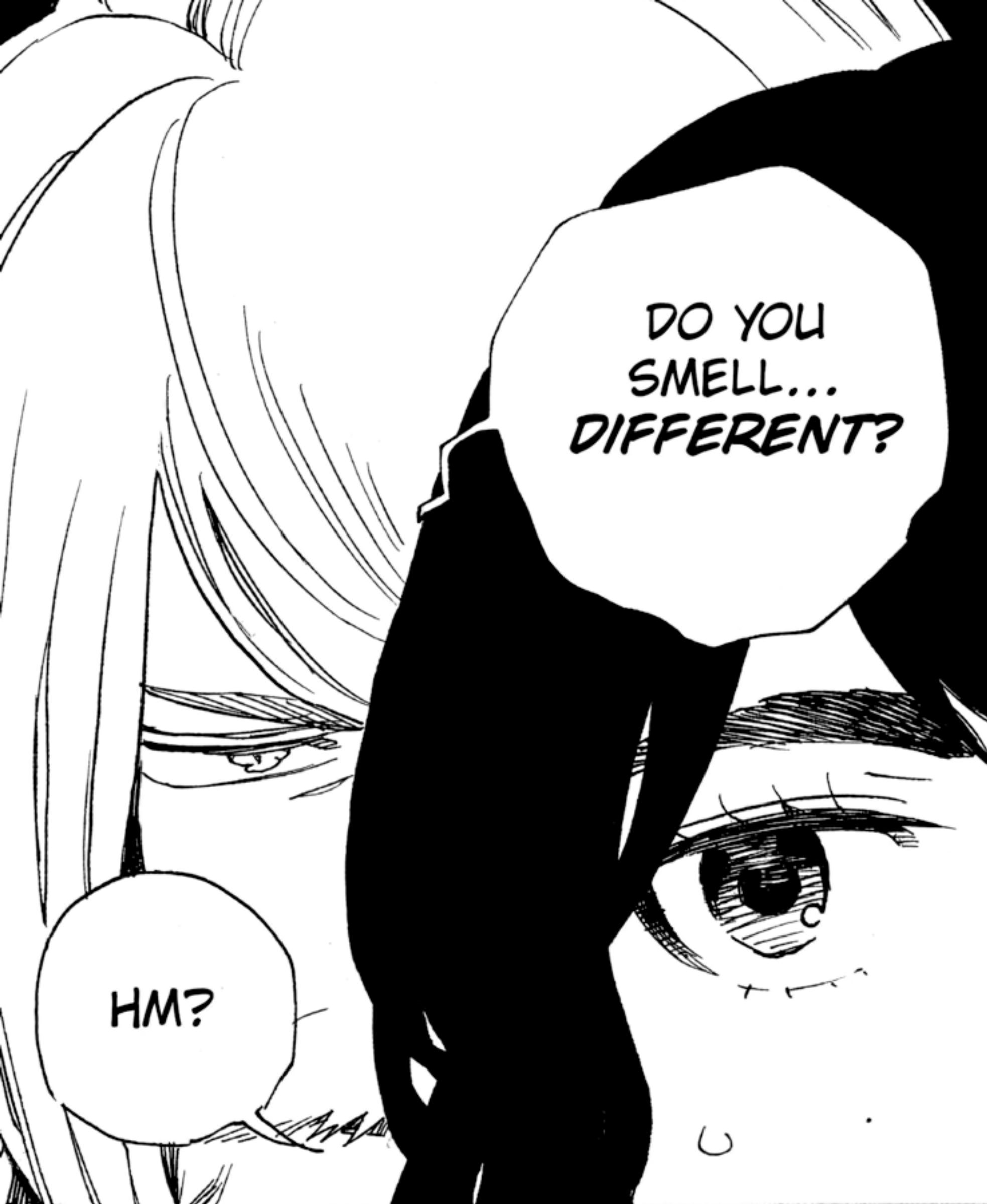
?!!

RU

MB

L





HM?



SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF

HUH?

WHAT?!
I SMELL
?!



SNIFF
SNIFF

TEE
HEE...

DO I PUT
YOU AT
EASE?



EXCUSE
ME, I'VE
GOT A
QUESTION.

CHATTER

HM...

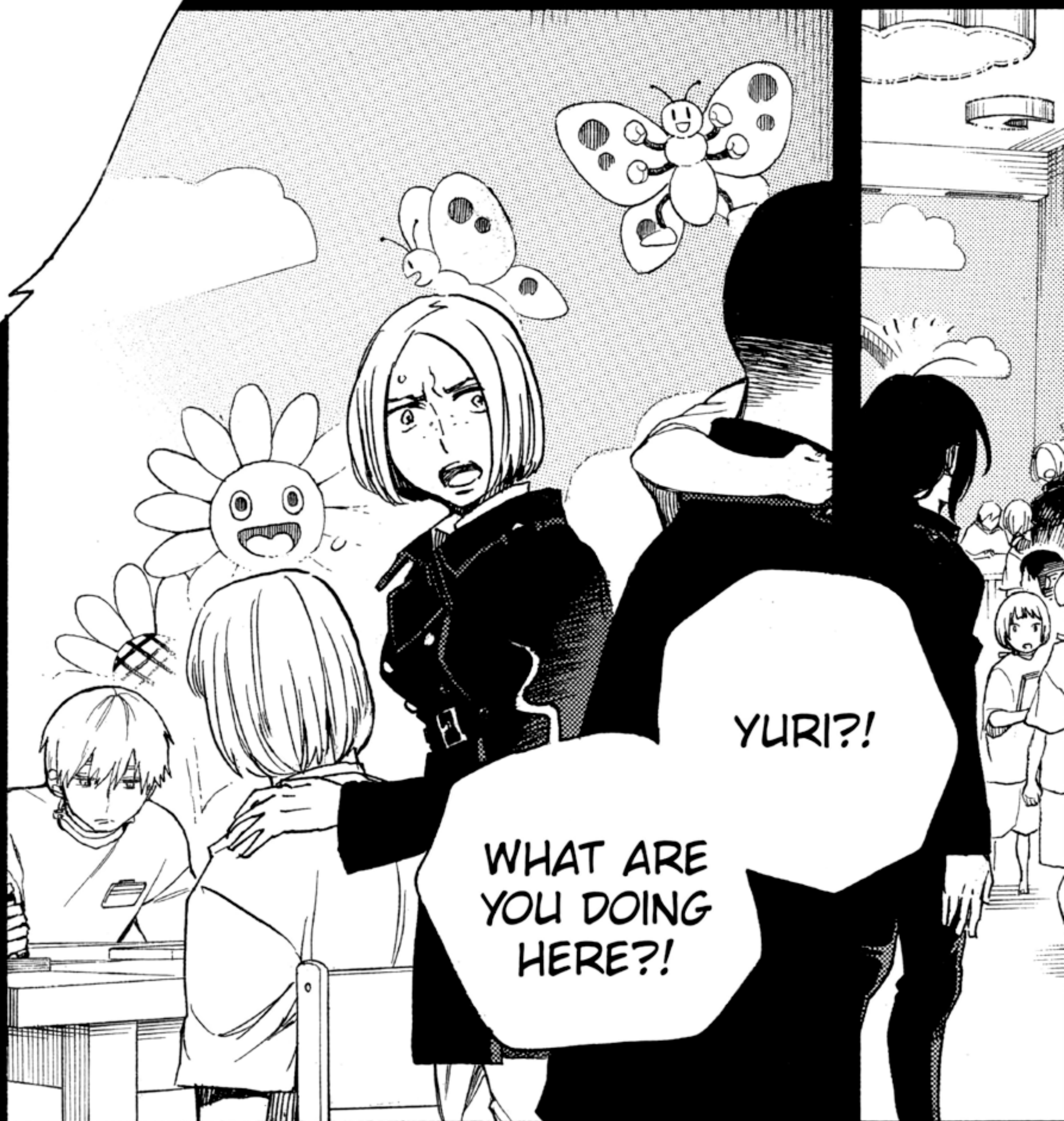


**JENNY
?!!**

NO WAY!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?!

**K
A
A
A**

THAT'S
WHAT I
WANT TO
ASK!!



YURI?!

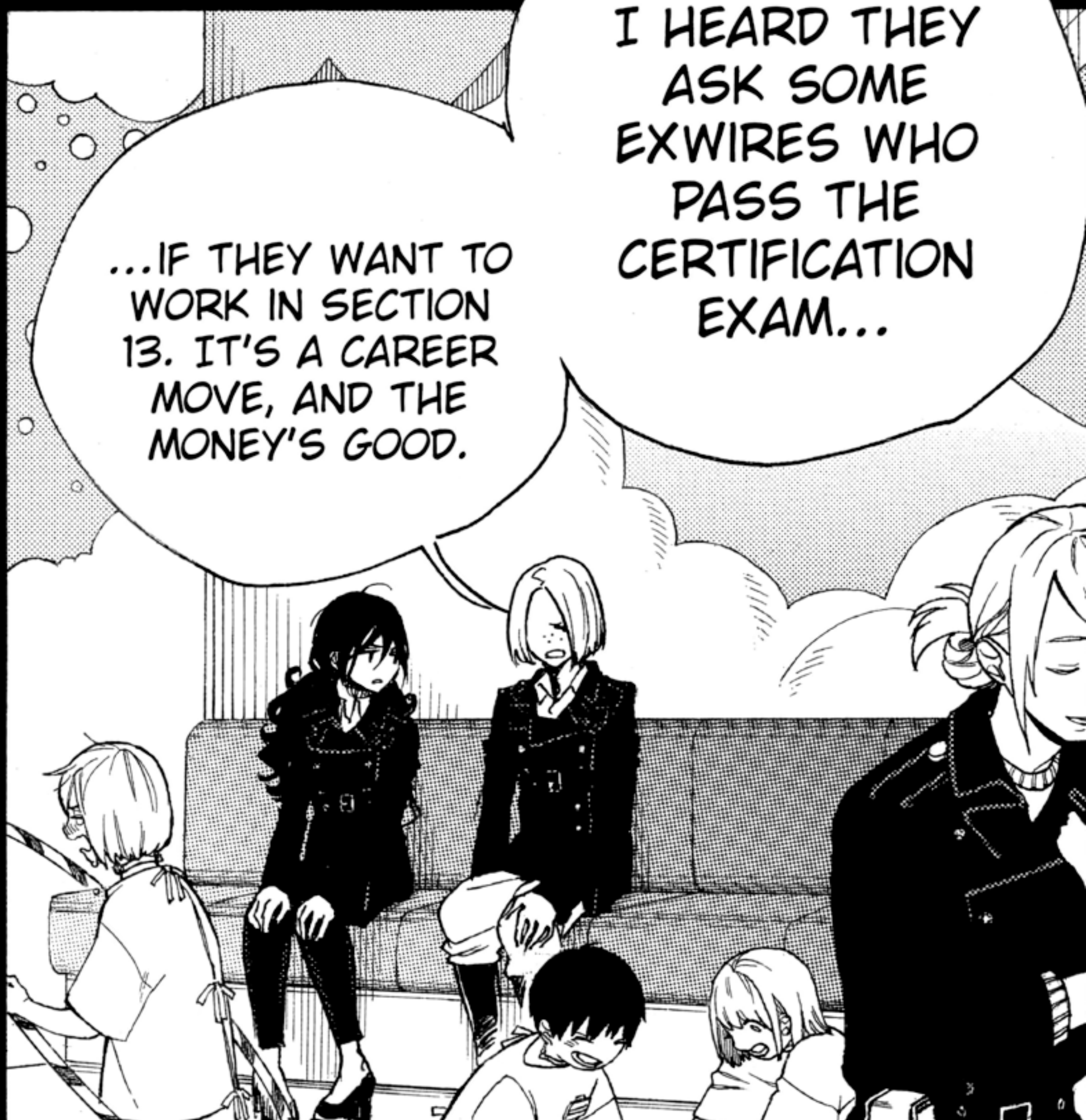
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?!



...SO I
PANICKED
AND AGREED
TO WORK
HERE.

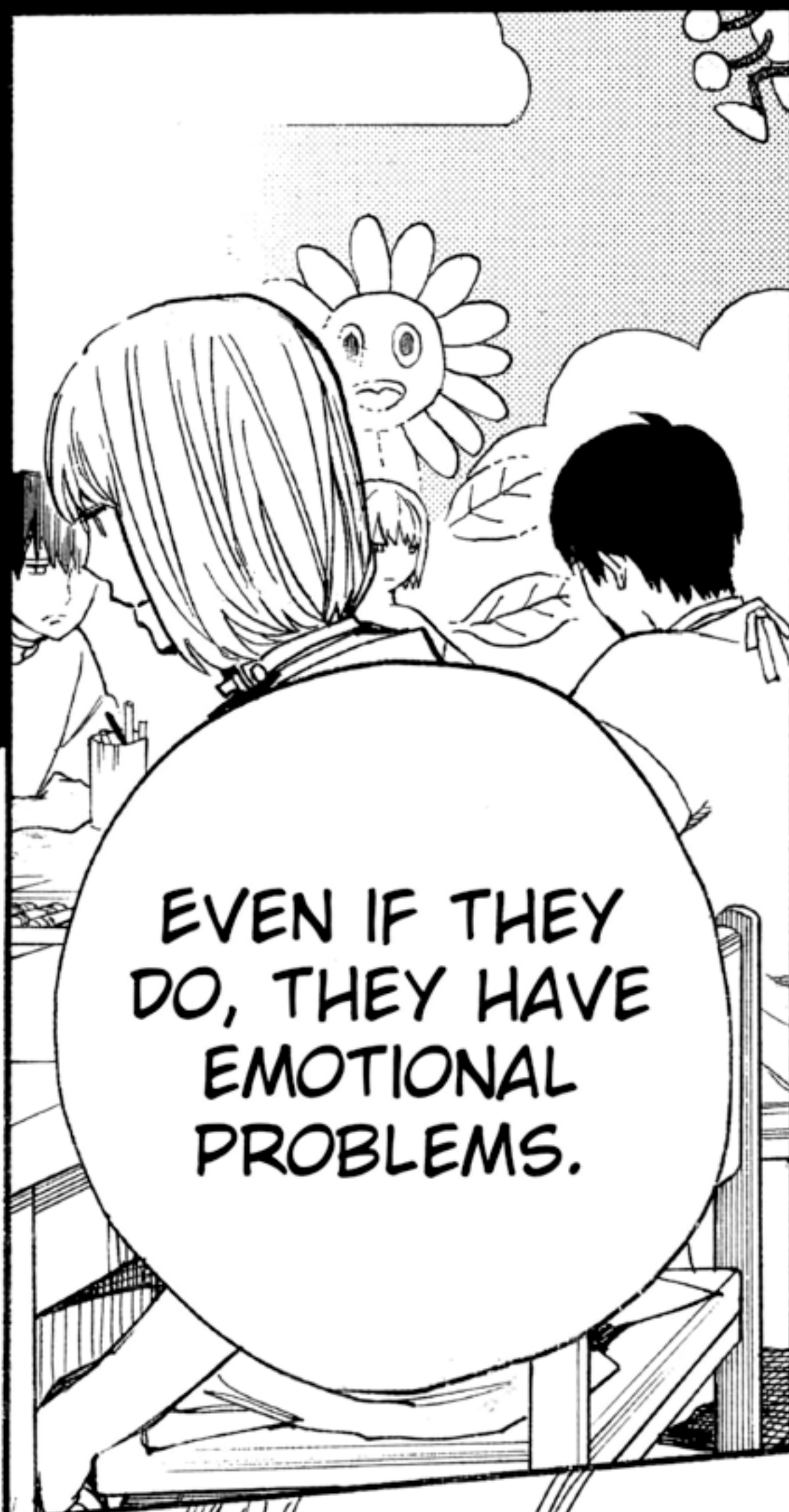
MY EXAM
RESULTS
WEREN'T
GREAT...

TALK
ABOUT
STUPID.



...IF THEY WANT TO
WORK IN SECTION
13. IT'S A CAREER
MOVE, AND THE
MONEY'S GOOD.

I HEARD THEY
ASK SOME
EXWIRES WHO
PASS THE
CERTIFICATION
EXAM...



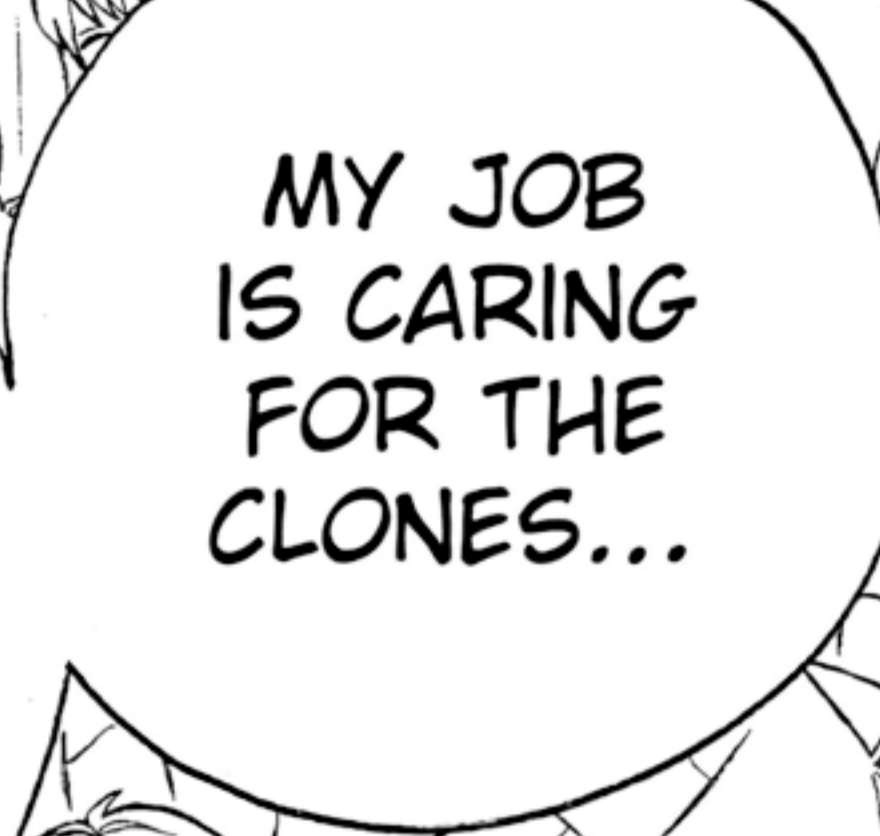
EVEN IF THEY
DO, THEY HAVE
EMOTIONAL
PROBLEMS.



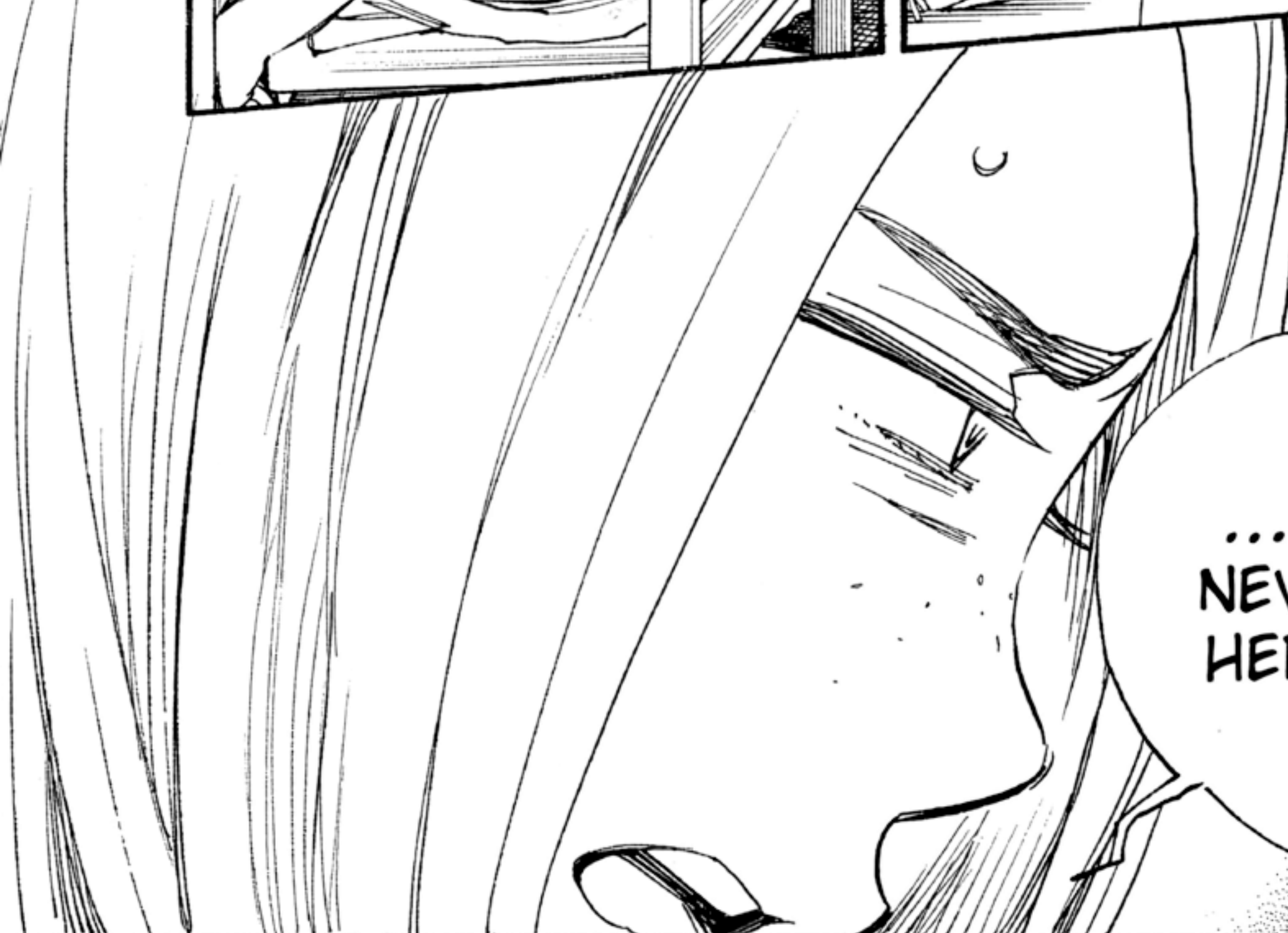
...BUT 90
PERCENT OF
THEM DON'T
LIVE VERY
LONG.



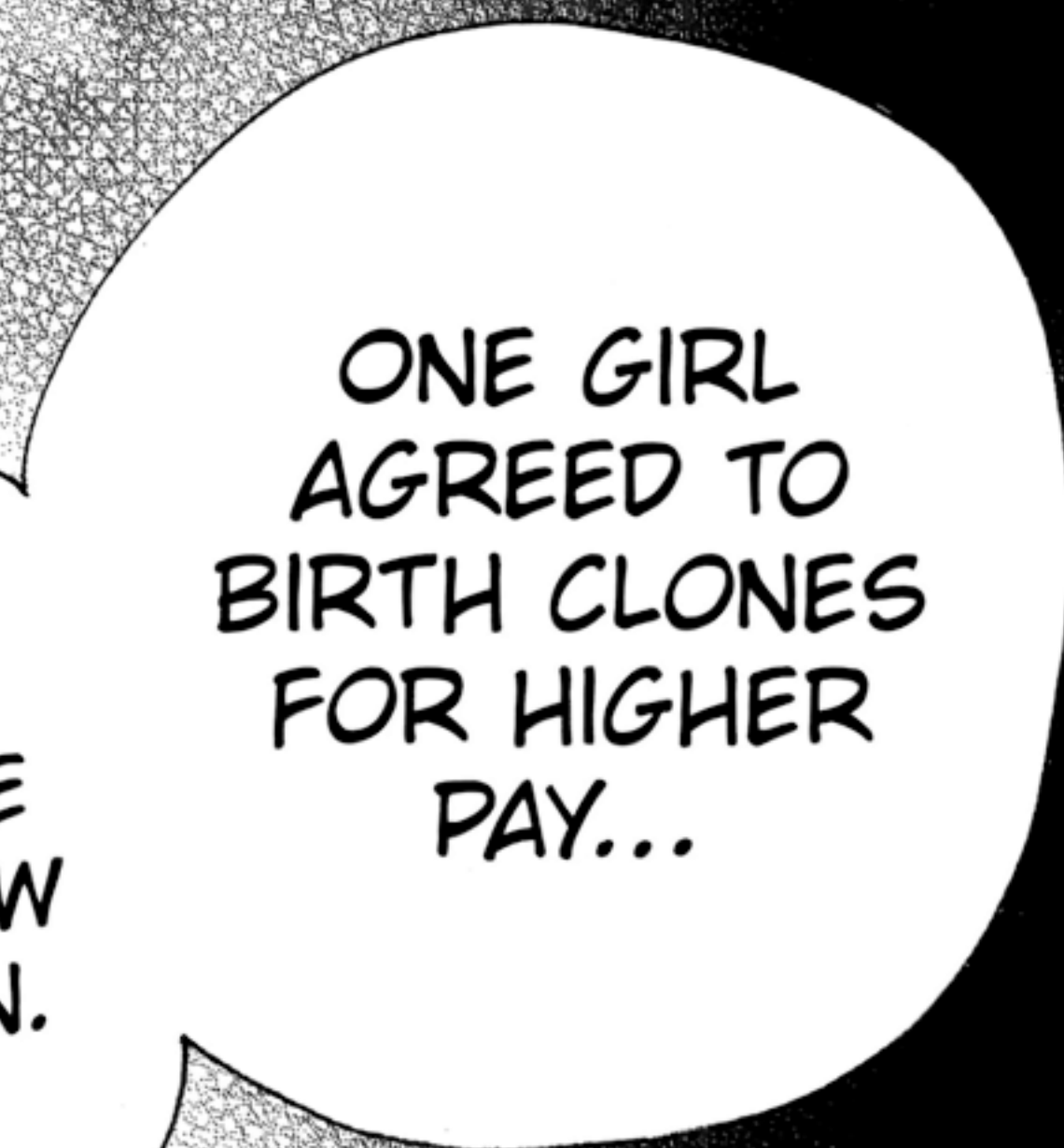
THIS
PLACE IS
HELL.



MY JOB
IS CARING
FOR THE
CLONES...



...AND WE
NEVER SAW
HER AGAIN.



ONE GIRL
AGREED TO
BIRTH CLONES
FOR HIGHER
PAY...



HAVE YOU
BEEN
WELL?



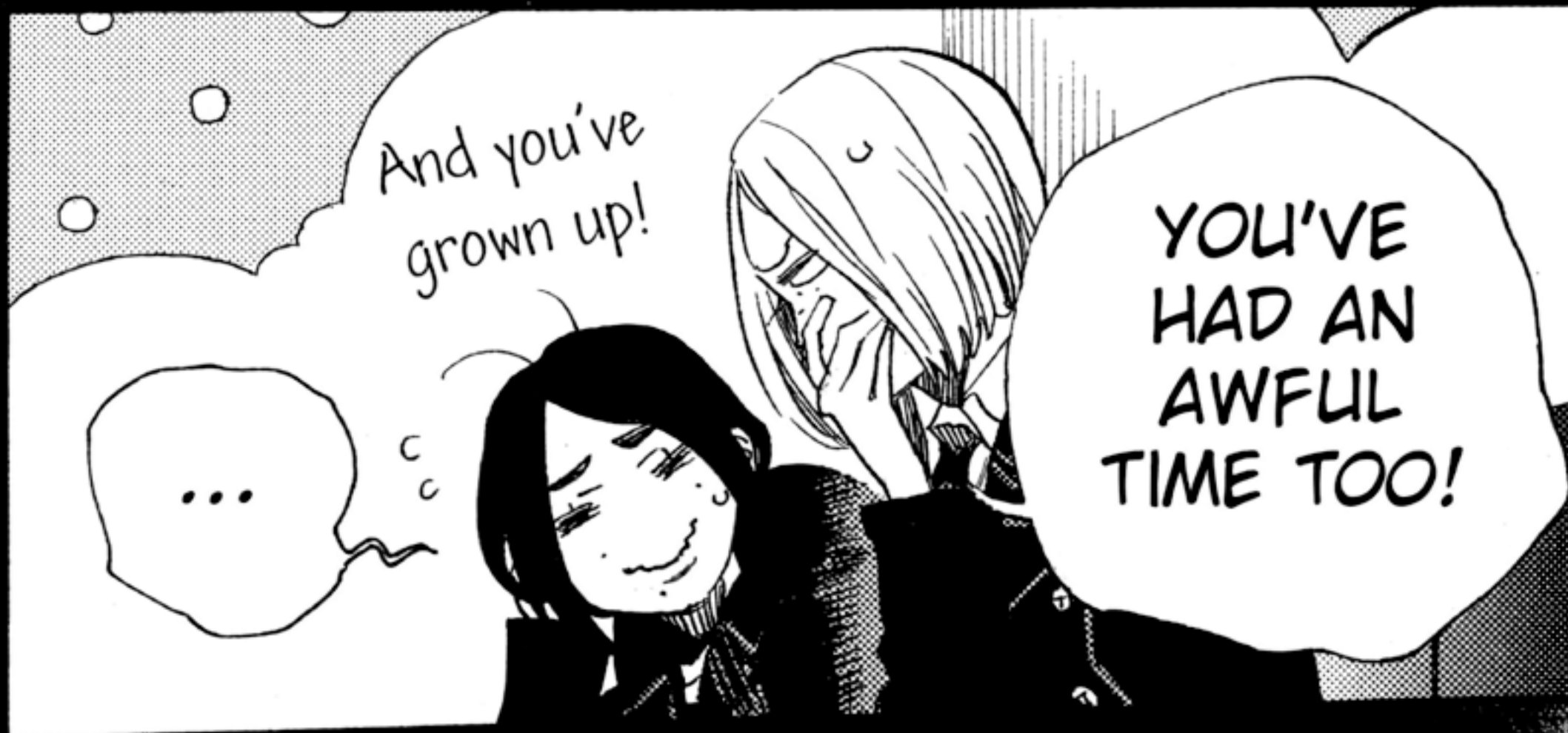
SO I LOST
TOUCH WITH
EVERYONE.



BECAUSE
OF THE
CONTRACT OF
MORINATH...



...I COULDN'T
TALK TO YOU
OR ANYONE
ELSE.



And you've grown up!

...

YOU'VE HAD AN
AWFUL
TIME TOO!

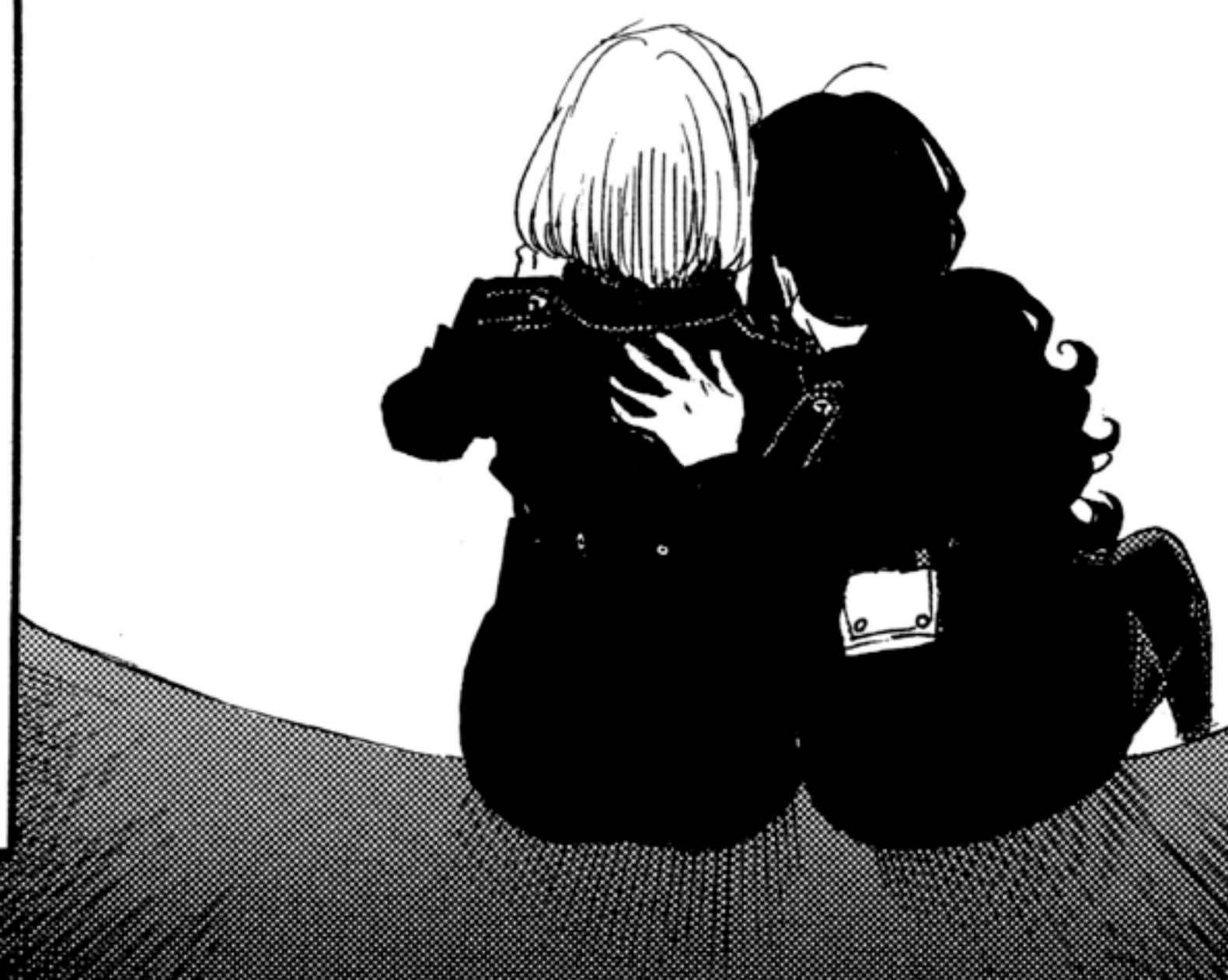


I REALLY
WANTED TO
TALK TO
YOU!!



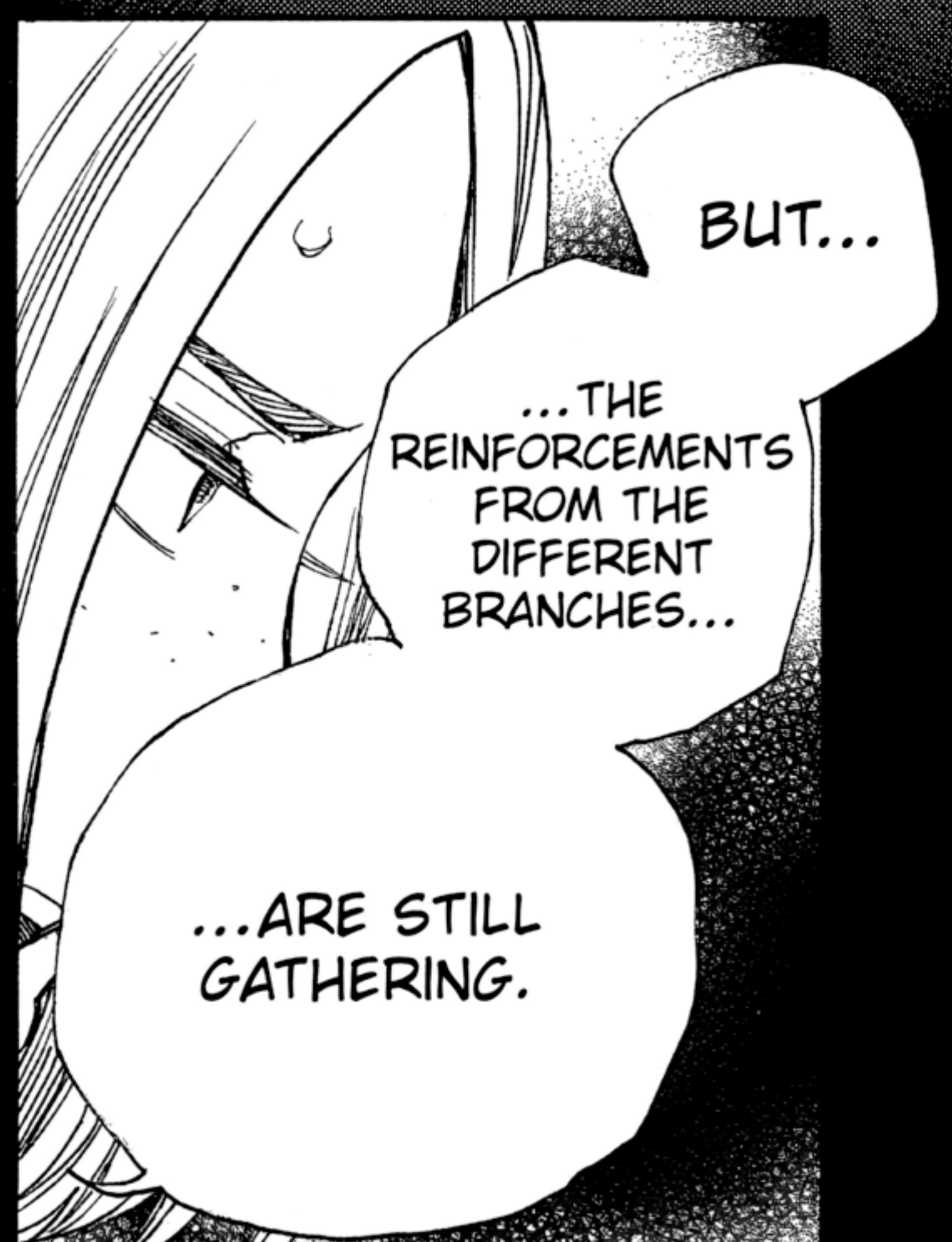
ANYWAY...

...SATAN
IS LETTING
GO OF
SECTION 13.



?!!

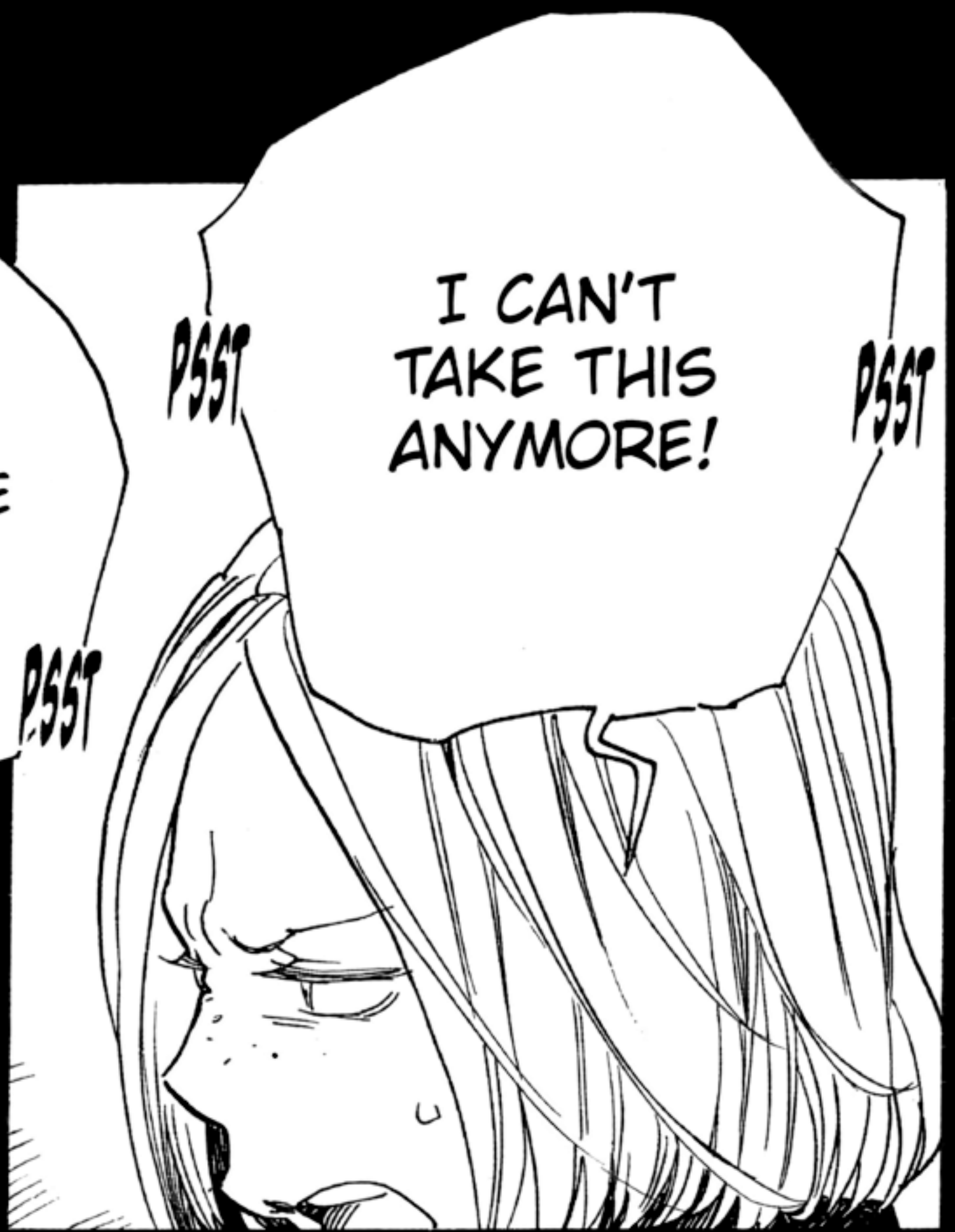
IT'S TIME TO
REVEAL THE
EXISTENCE OF
THIS PLACE!

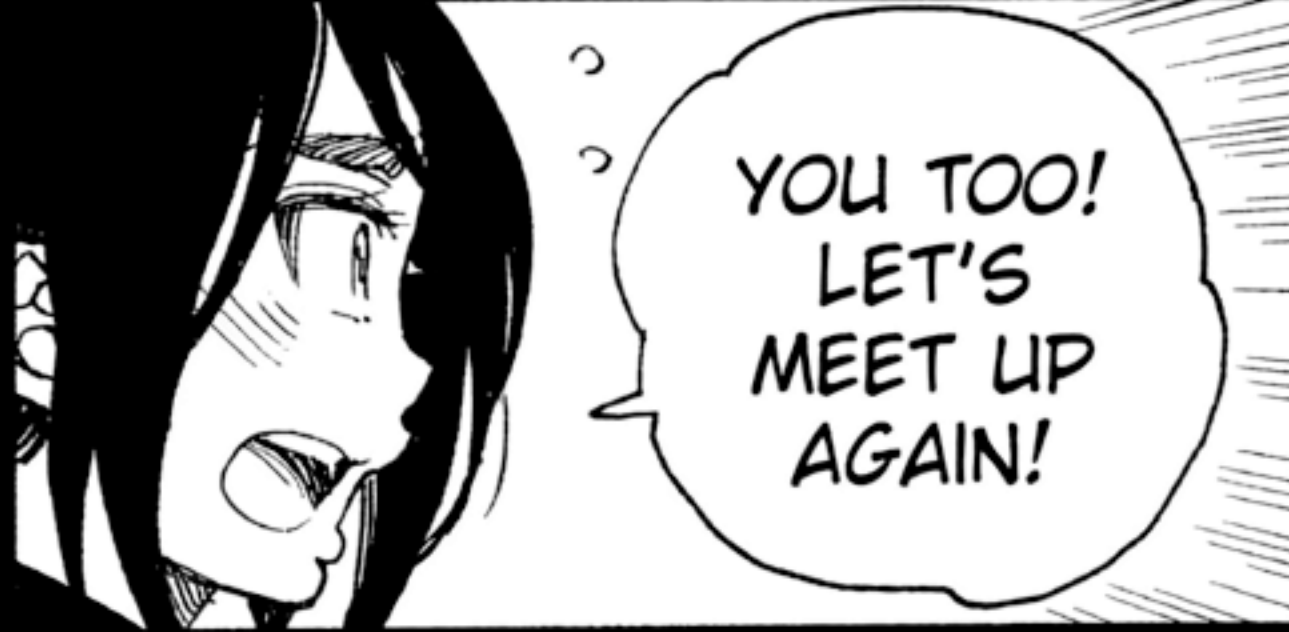


BUT...

...THE
REINFORCEMENTS
FROM THE
DIFFERENT
BRANCHES...

...ARE STILL
GATHERING.





YOU TOO!
LET'S
MEET UP
AGAIN!



I CAN
HOLD MY GOOD
LIQUOR! IDEA!!

YEAH. FOR
DRINKS OR
SOMETHING!



BE
CAREFUL,
OKAY?



IF WE'RE
GOING TO
ESCAPE...

...THIS IS THE
ONLY ROUTE
THAT SEEMS TO
LEAD OUTSIDE.

AND ONLY
I CAN USE
THIS KEY.



I feel
naked...

ALL RIGHT,
LET'S GO!!



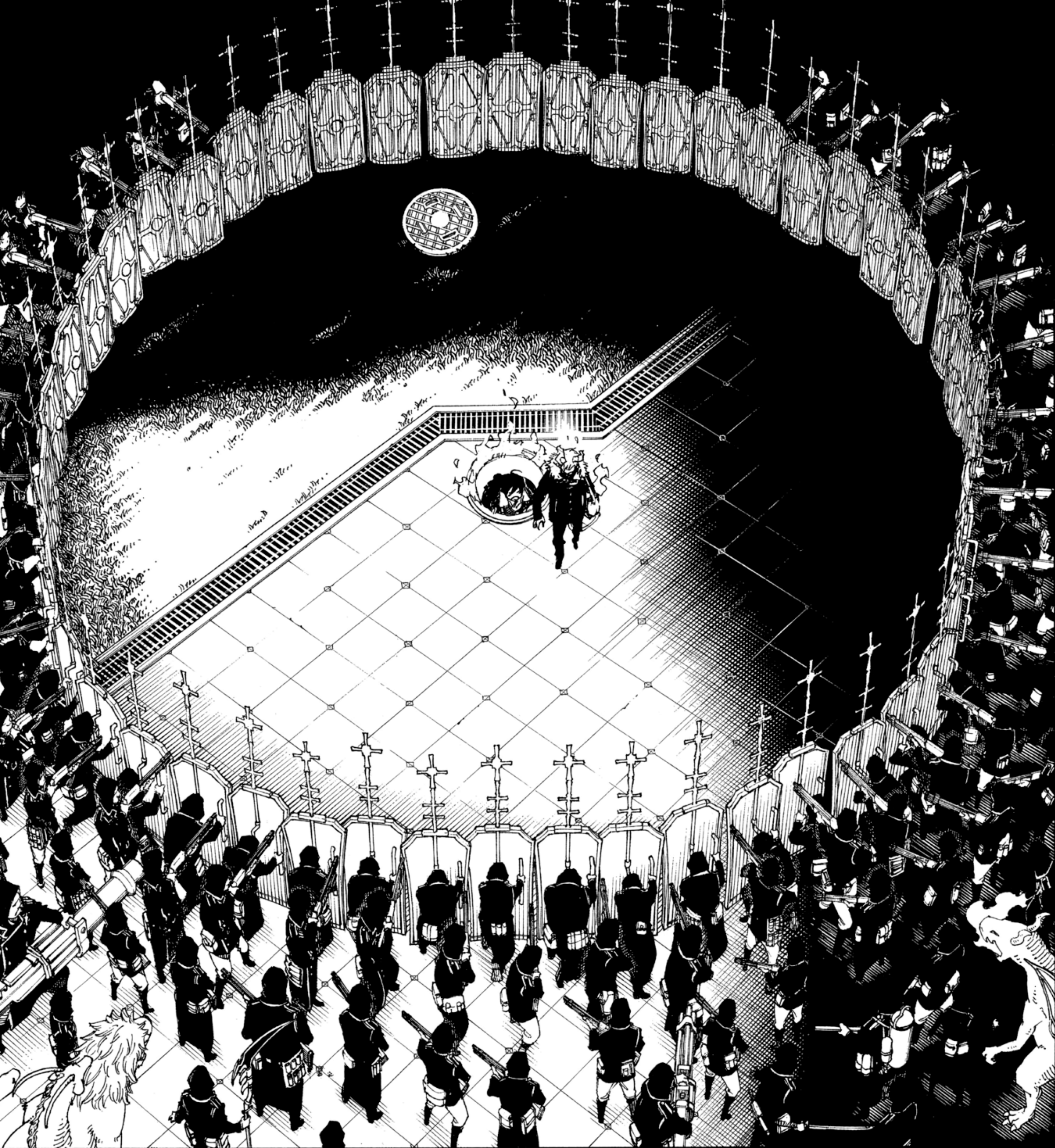
ARE YOU
OKAY?

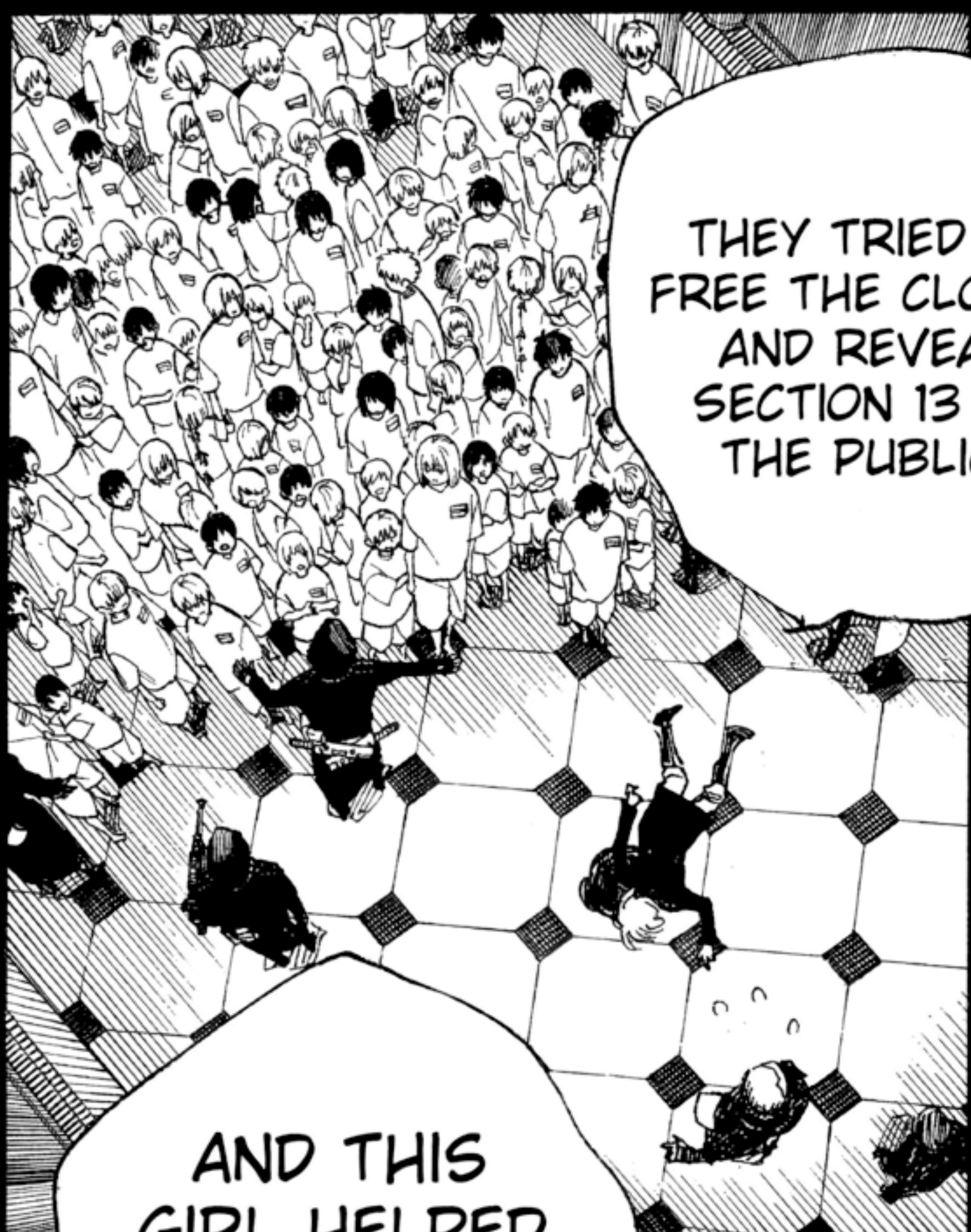
I'M
FINE.

KOFF

HAKK

KOFF
KOFF





THEY TRIED TO
FREE THE CLONES
AND REVEAL
SECTION 13 TO
THE PUBLIC.



A WARNING
WOULD
HAVE BEEN
ENOUGH!

W-WHY DID
YOU SHOOT
HER?!



AND THIS
GIRL HELPED
SATAN AND
HE ALMOST
ESCAPED.



IF HE
HAD...



...WE WOULD
BE UNABLE TO
CONTINUE OUR
RESEARCH.





PLEASE
LET US
GO!!



SHE'S COMPLETELY
UNDER SATAN'S
SPELL!

SHE'S A
WITCH!

WOMEN...
TCH!

!!

SHIRO
?!



WE'LL GO FAR
AWAY FROM
EVERYONE AND
LIVE IN PEACE!
PLEASE!!



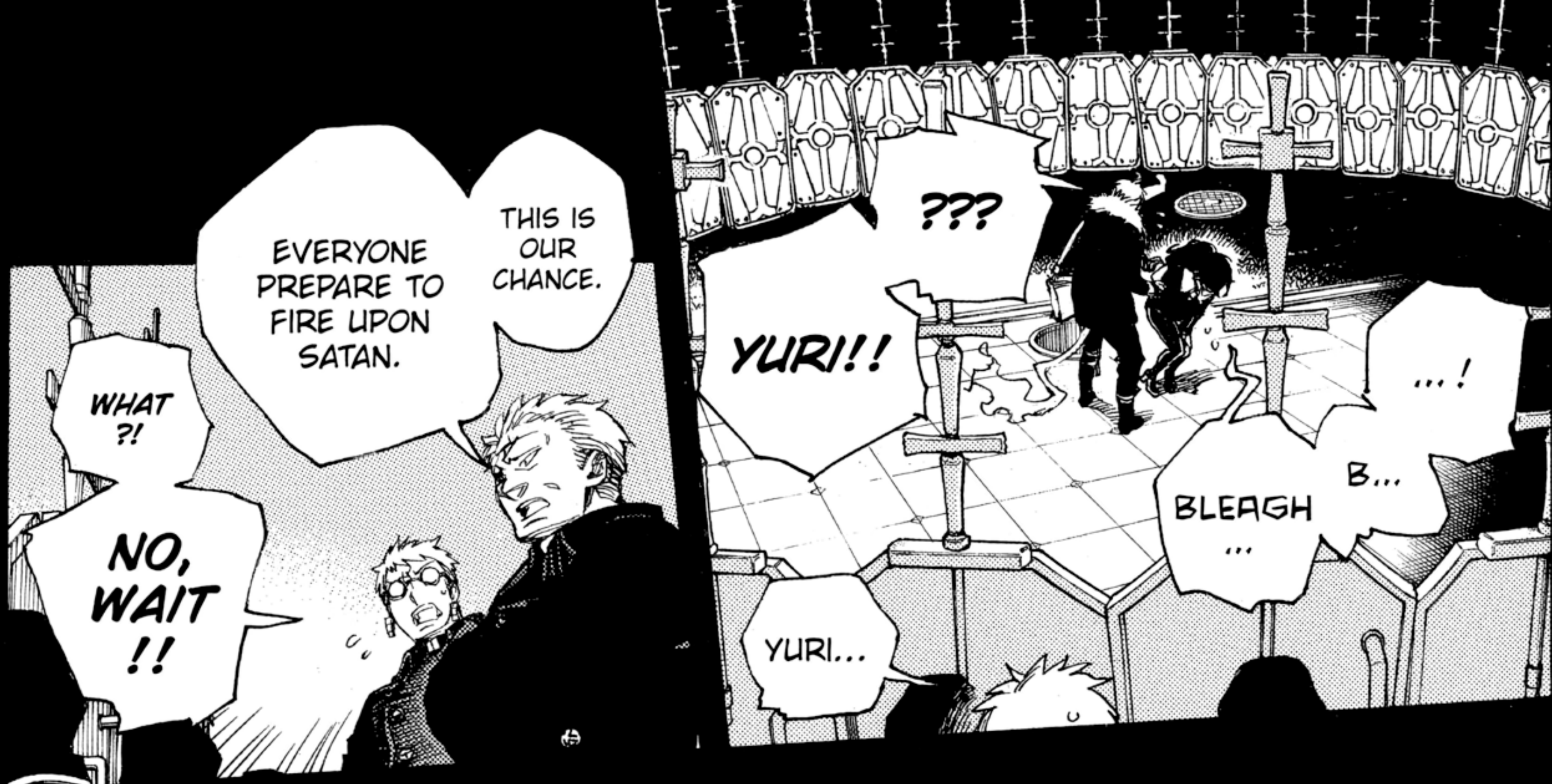
?!

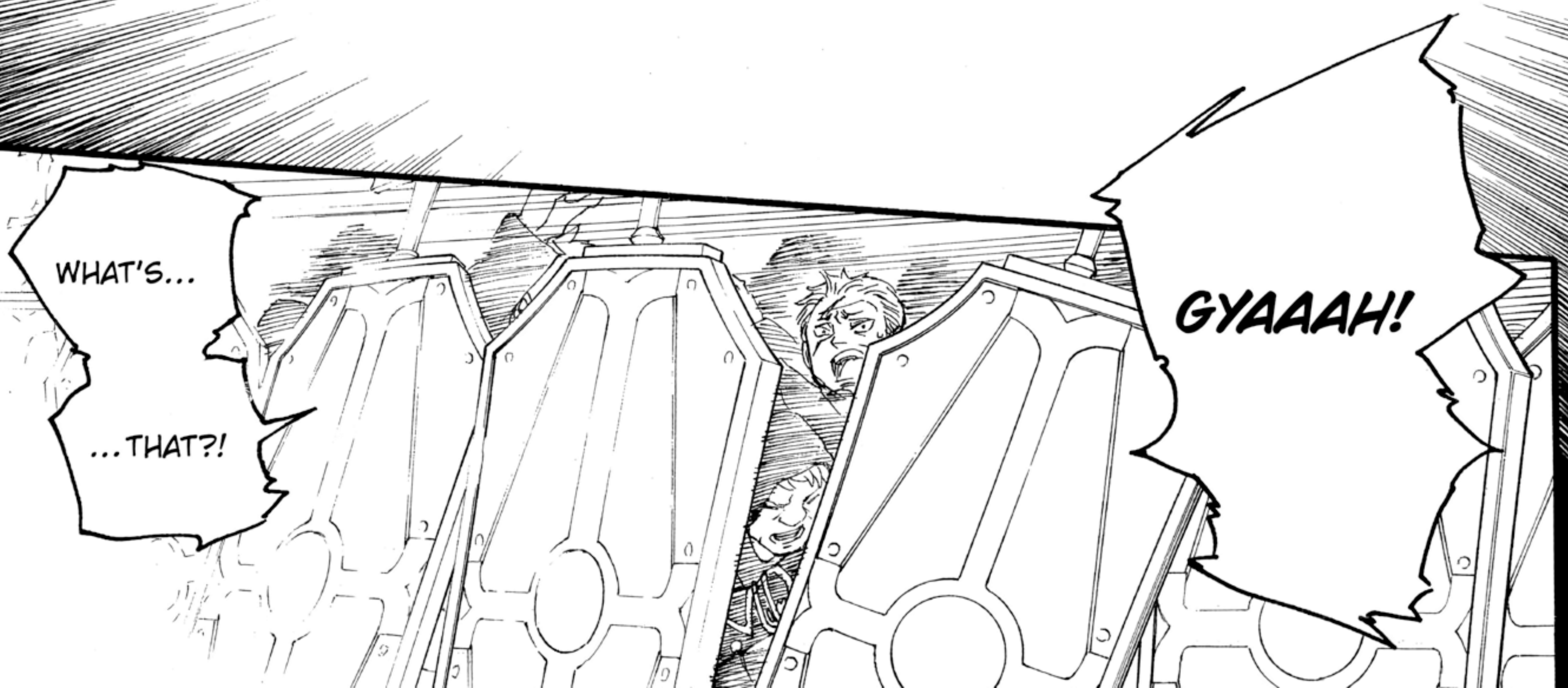
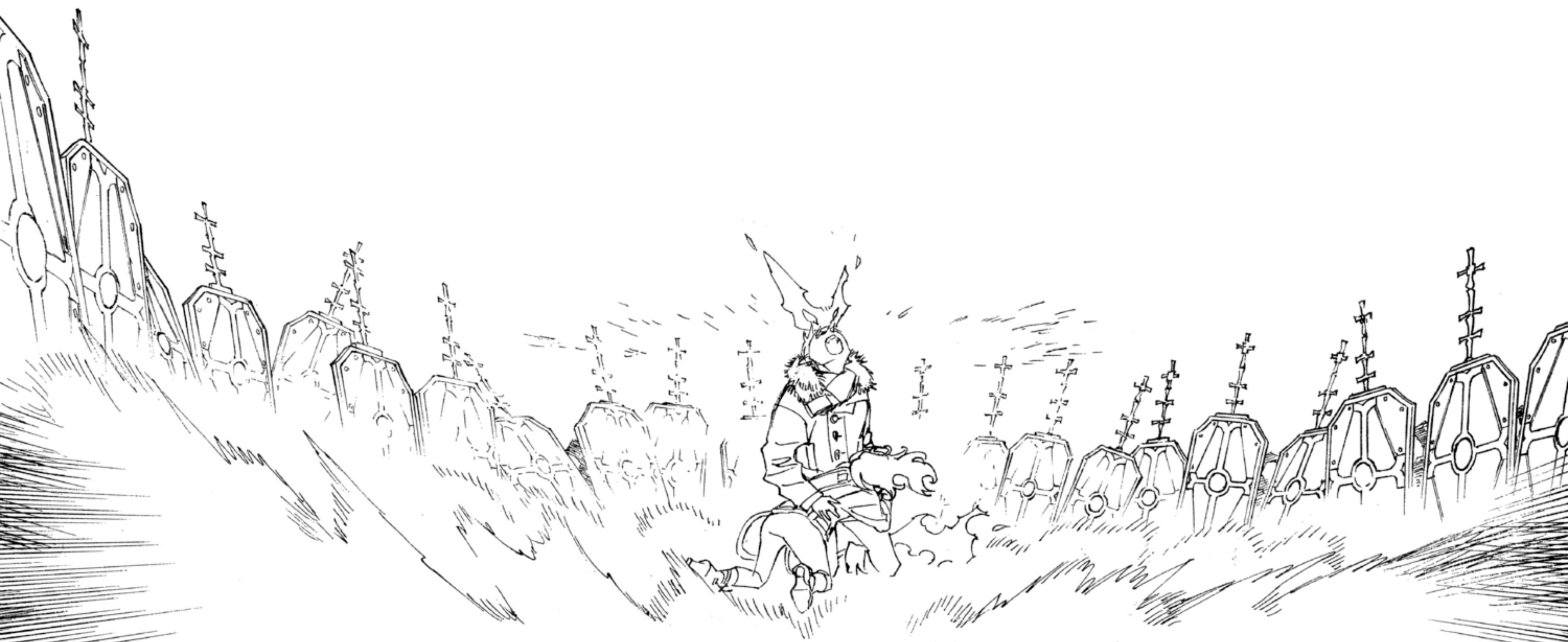
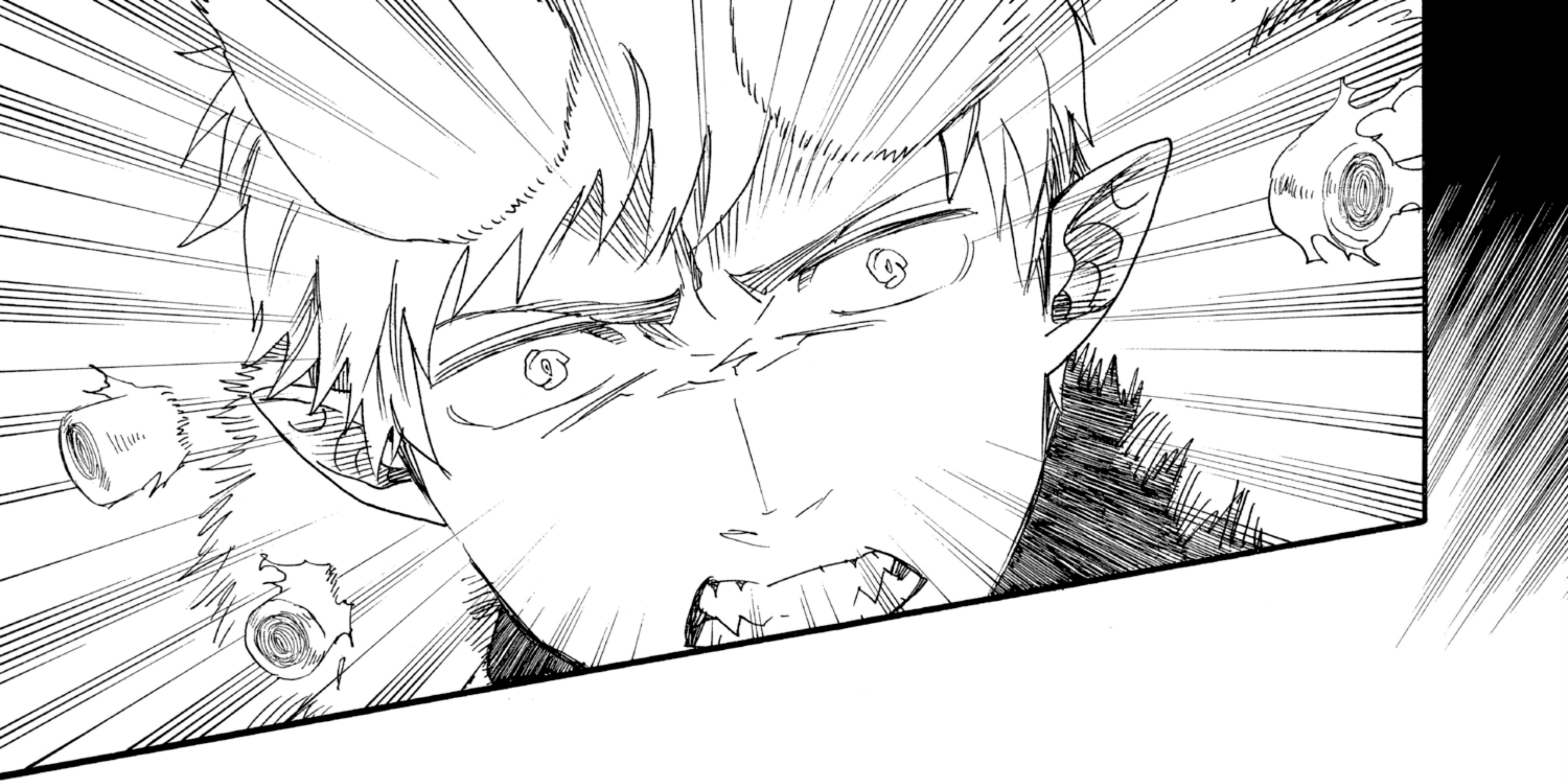
LNGH...

!



PLEASE!
LET US
GO!!

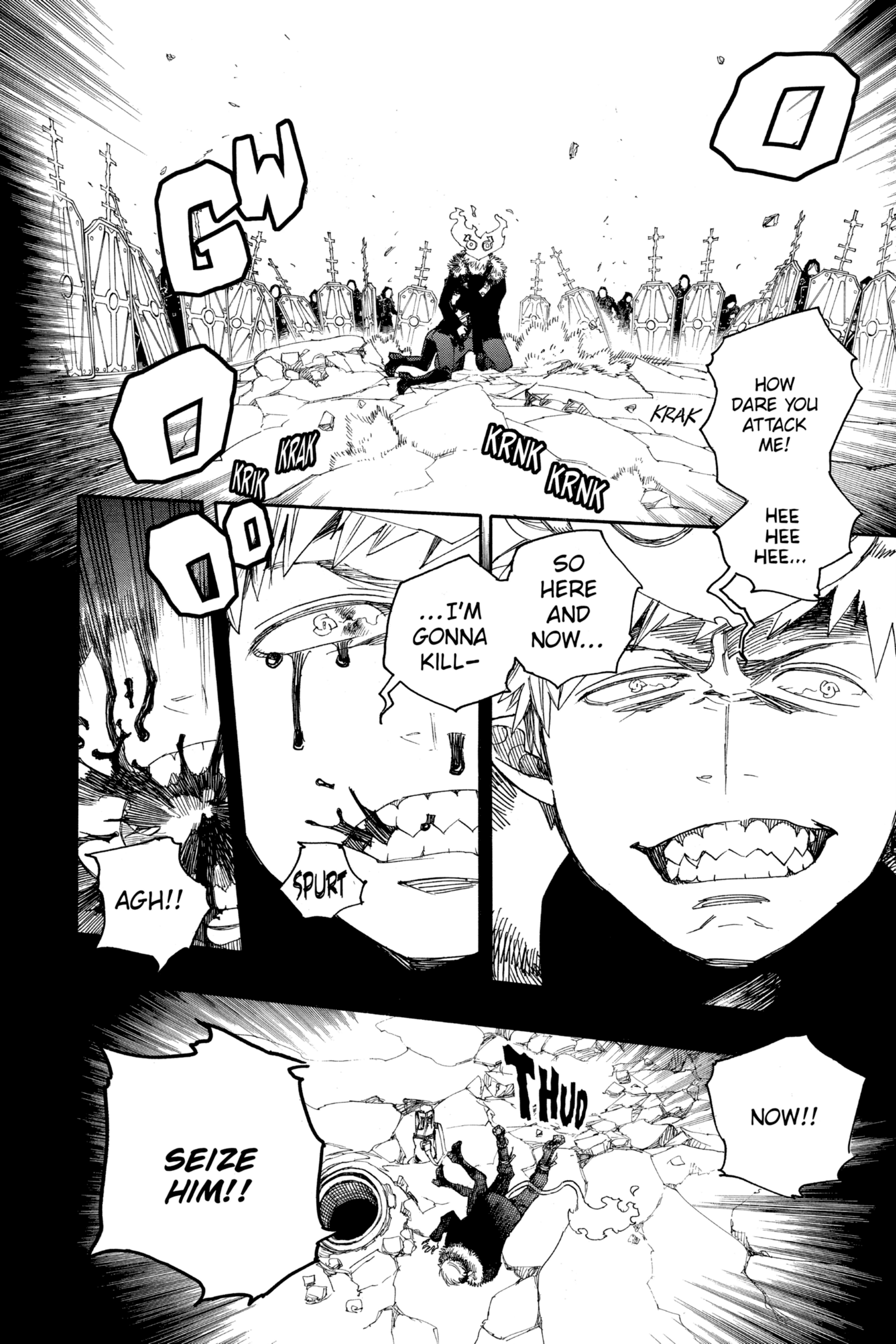




WHAT'S...

...THAT?!

GYAAAH!



GW

O

O

KRAK

KRNK

KRAK

HOW
DARE YOU
ATTACK
ME!

HEE
HEE
HEE...

O

...I'M
GONNA
KILL-

SO
HERE
AND
NOW...

AGH!!

SPURT

THUD

SEIZE
HIM!!


NOW!!



KLIK

KLIK

KLIK



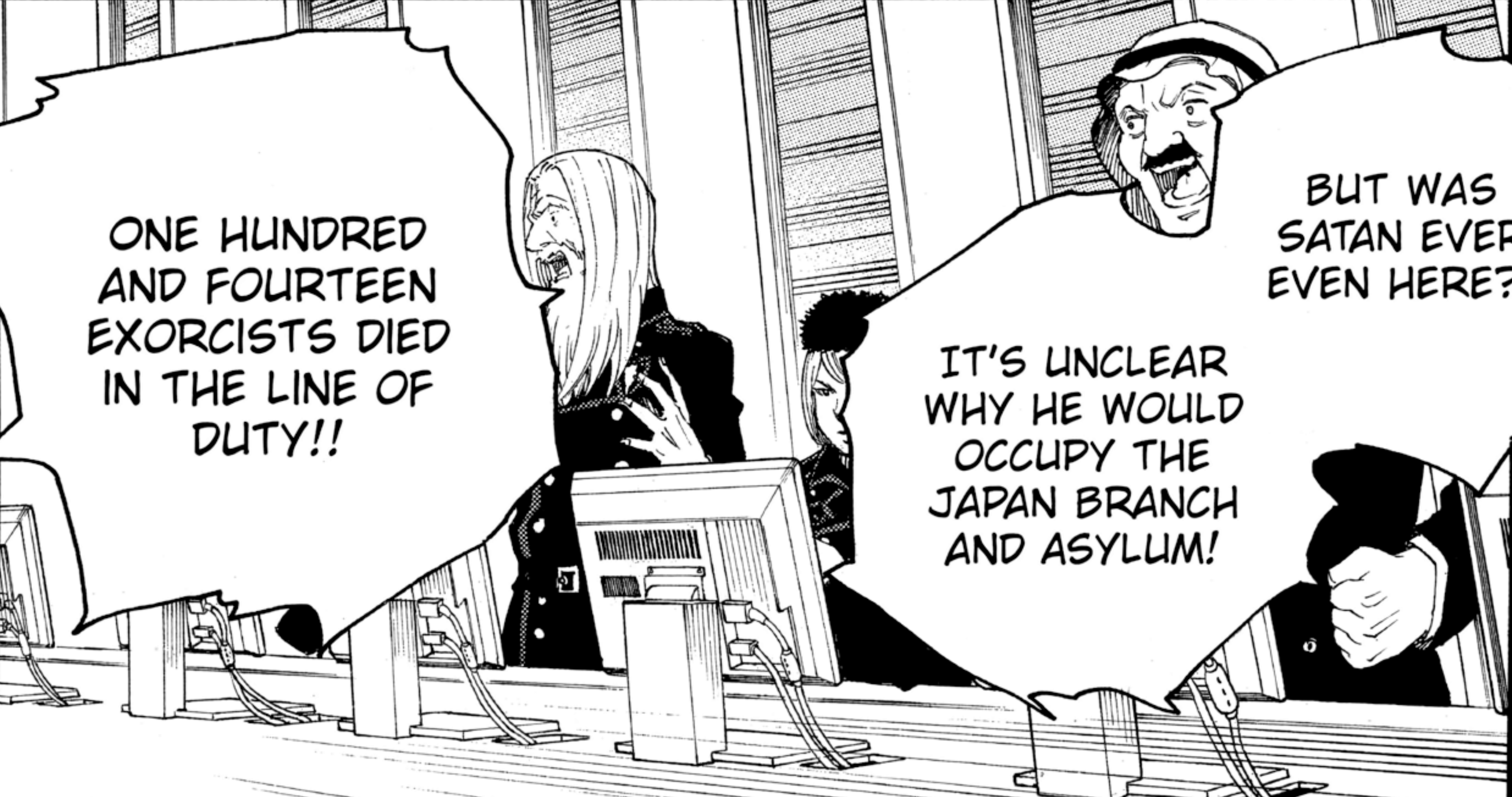
...WHICH HAD
DESTROYED AN
ADVANCED
BARRIER IN
ORDER TO ATTACK
THE JAPAN
BRANCH!

YOU
SAID SATAN
HAD TAKEN A
BODY AND WAS
LEADING AN
ARMY OF
DEMONS...

AND WE
BELIEVED YOU,
SO WE SENT
REINFORCEMENTS!

THAT'S HARDLY A
SATISFACTORY
EXPLANATION!!

I
AGREE!



ONE HUNDRED
AND FOURTEEN
EXORCISTS DIED
IN THE LINE OF
DUTY!!

BUT WAS
SATAN EVER
EVEN HERE?!

IT'S UNCLEAR
WHY HE WOULD
OCCUPY THE
JAPAN BRANCH
AND ASYLUM!

...I HAVE
IMPORTANT
INFORMATION.

AS FOR THE
REASON HE
OCCUPIED
THE JAPAN
BRANCH...

THE KRC
LABORATORY AT
THE ROMANIA
BRANCH IS
CURRENTLY
EXAMINING SATAN'S
VESSEL.

I
DEMAND AN
INVESTIGATION!!

I
CONCUR.

WE MUST
FORM A
COMMITTEE!

...MAY HAVE
INVITED
HIM.

IT APPEARS
THAT JUNIOR
EXORCIST
SECOND CLASS
YURI EGIN...

?!

SHE'S BETTER
KNOWN AS A
TAMER THAN
AN EXORCIST.

SHE'S
WRITTEN MANY
TEXTS ABOUT
RAISING AND
TRAINING
DEMONS.

CHATTER

WHO'S
THAT?!

WHAA

??

YURI
EGIN?!



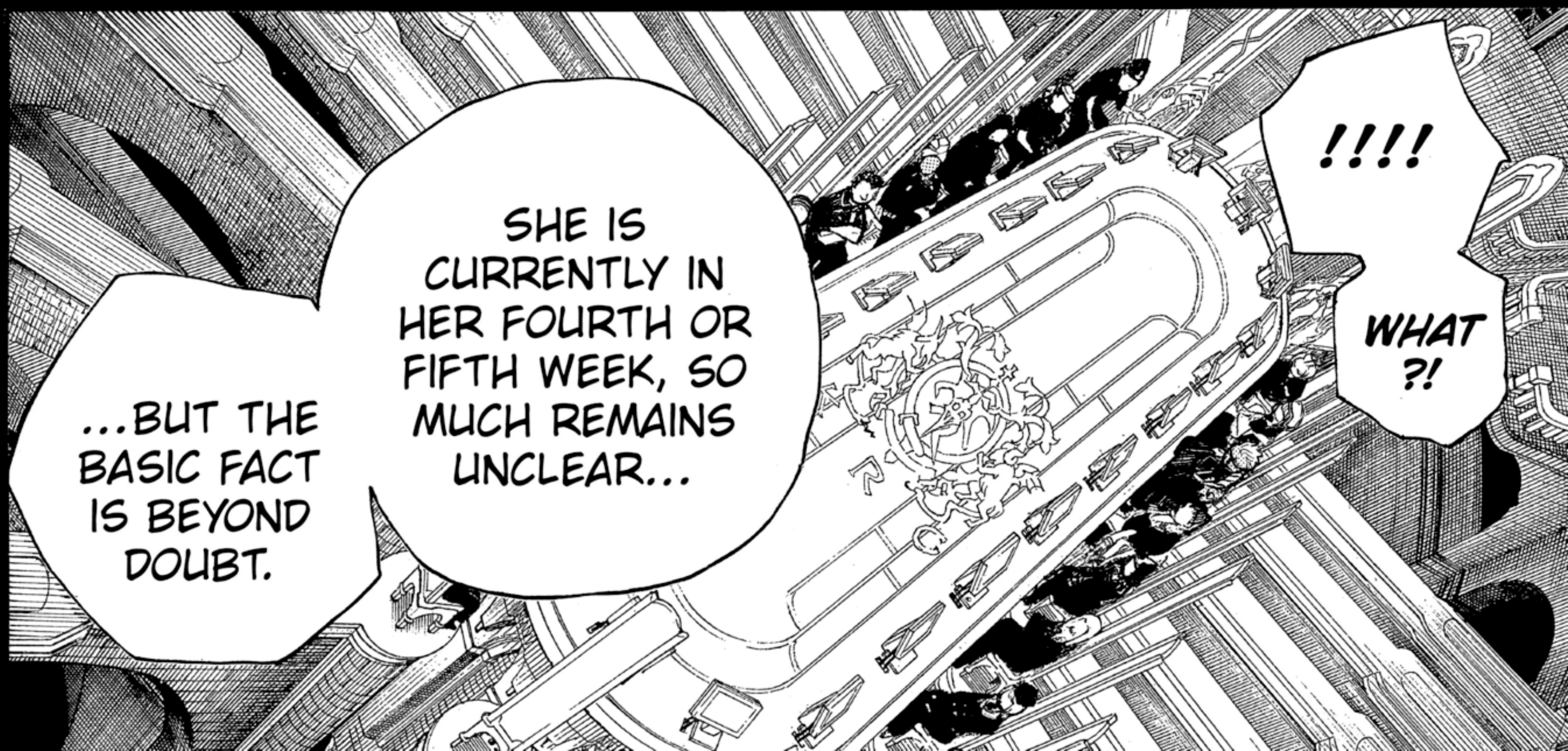
SHE WAS COMPLETELY UNDER HIS SPELL. MANY OF OUR SPECIAL FORCES OPERATIVES WITNESSED THIS.

SHE WAS WEeping WHEN WE PRIED HER AWAY FROM SATAN'S BODY.



HOWEVER, WHAT CANNOT BE DENIED IS...

...THAT YURI EGIN IS **PREGNANT.**



...BUT THE BASIC FACT IS BEYOND DOUBT.

SHE IS CURRENTLY IN HER FOURTH OR FIFTH WEEK, SO MUCH REMAINS UNCLEAR...

!!!!

WHAT ?!

A WOMAN
CARRYING A
DEMON CHILD
MANIFESTS A
SPECIAL
POWER.

SHE IS
PRESENTLY IN
AN INVIOLEABLE
STATE KNOWN
AS A *CRADLE
BARRIER*.

HARMING
THE MOTHER
RESULTS IN
A CURSE...

...AS I'M
SURE
YOU ARE
AWARE.

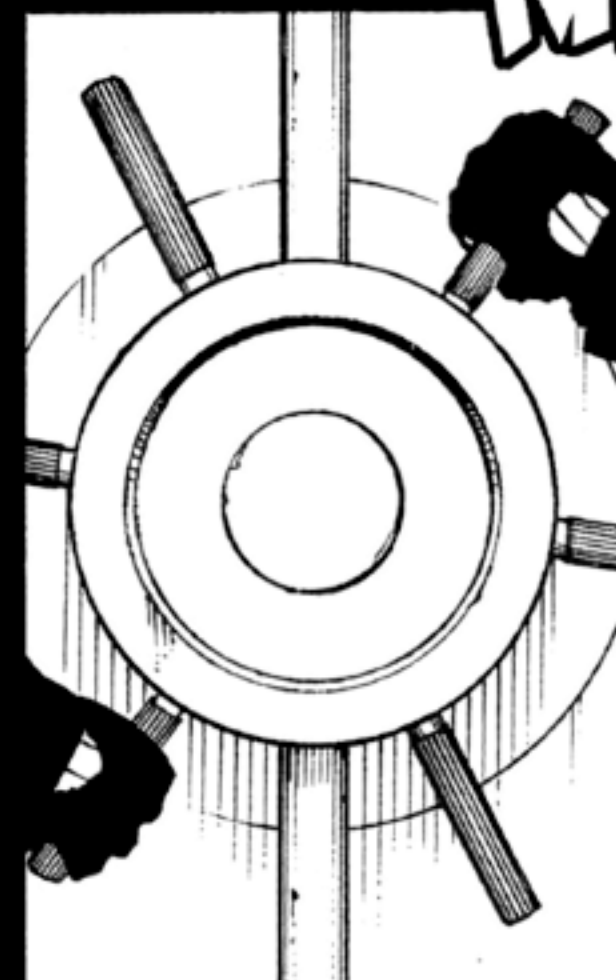
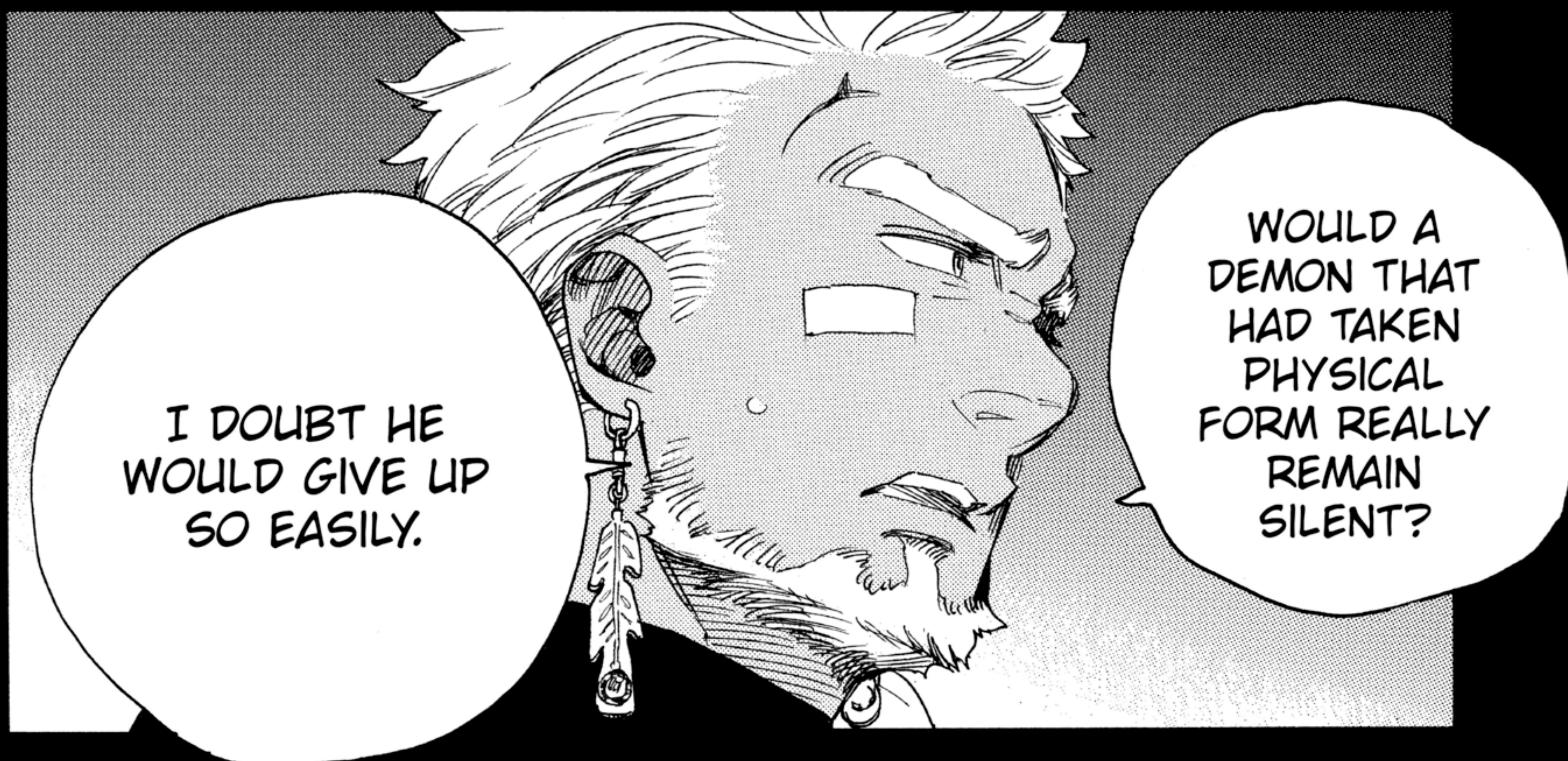
NONETHELESS, WE
MUST DETERMINE
HOW TO HANDLE THIS
"WITCH" AND HER
DEMON CHILD.

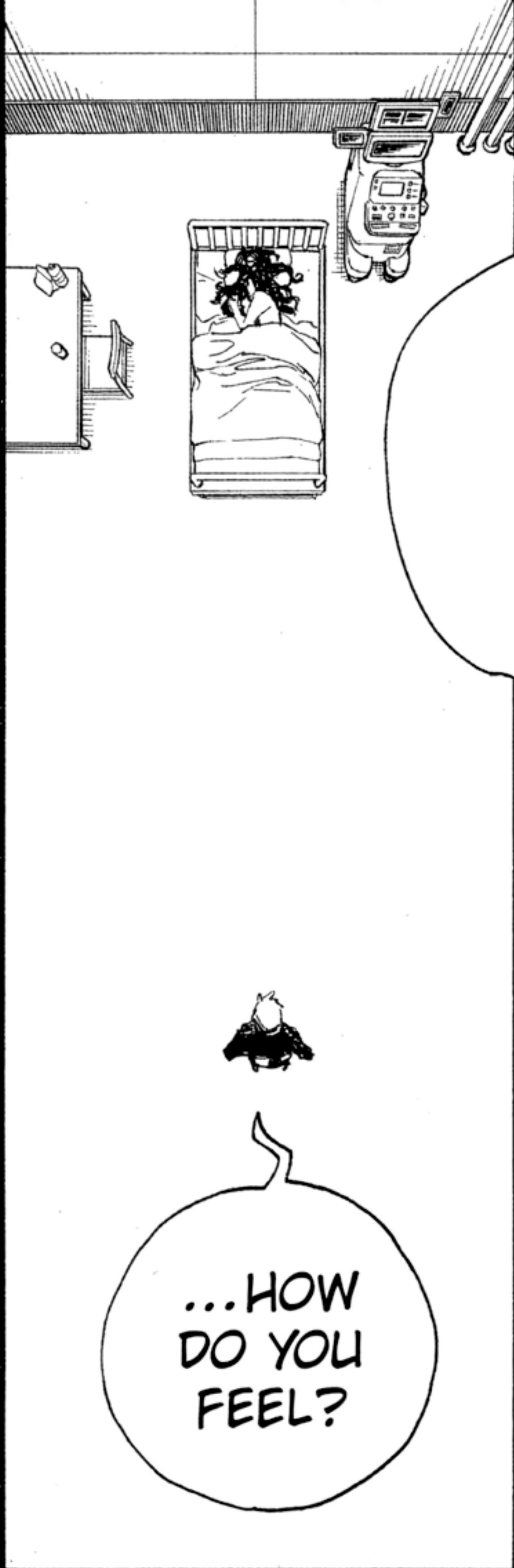
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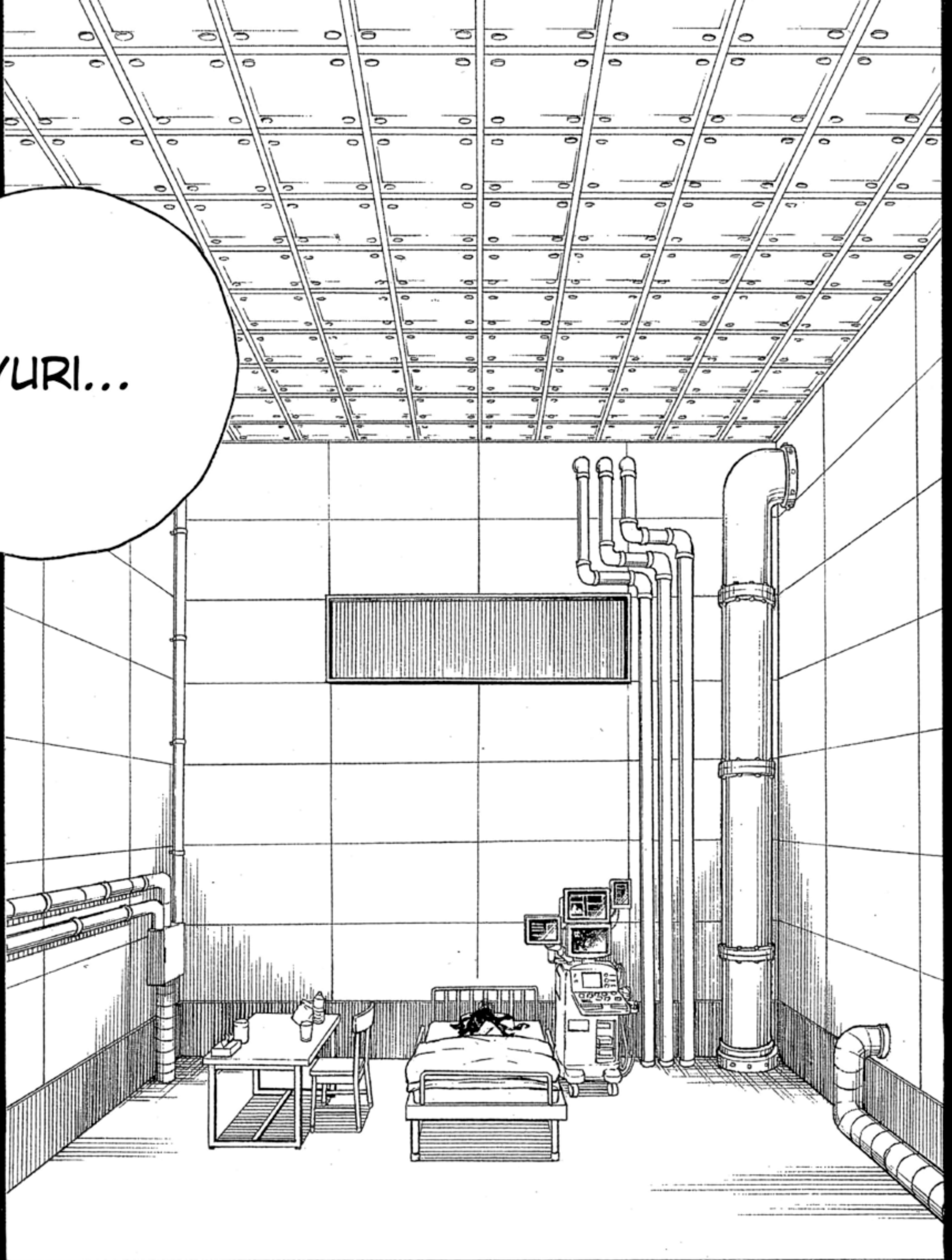
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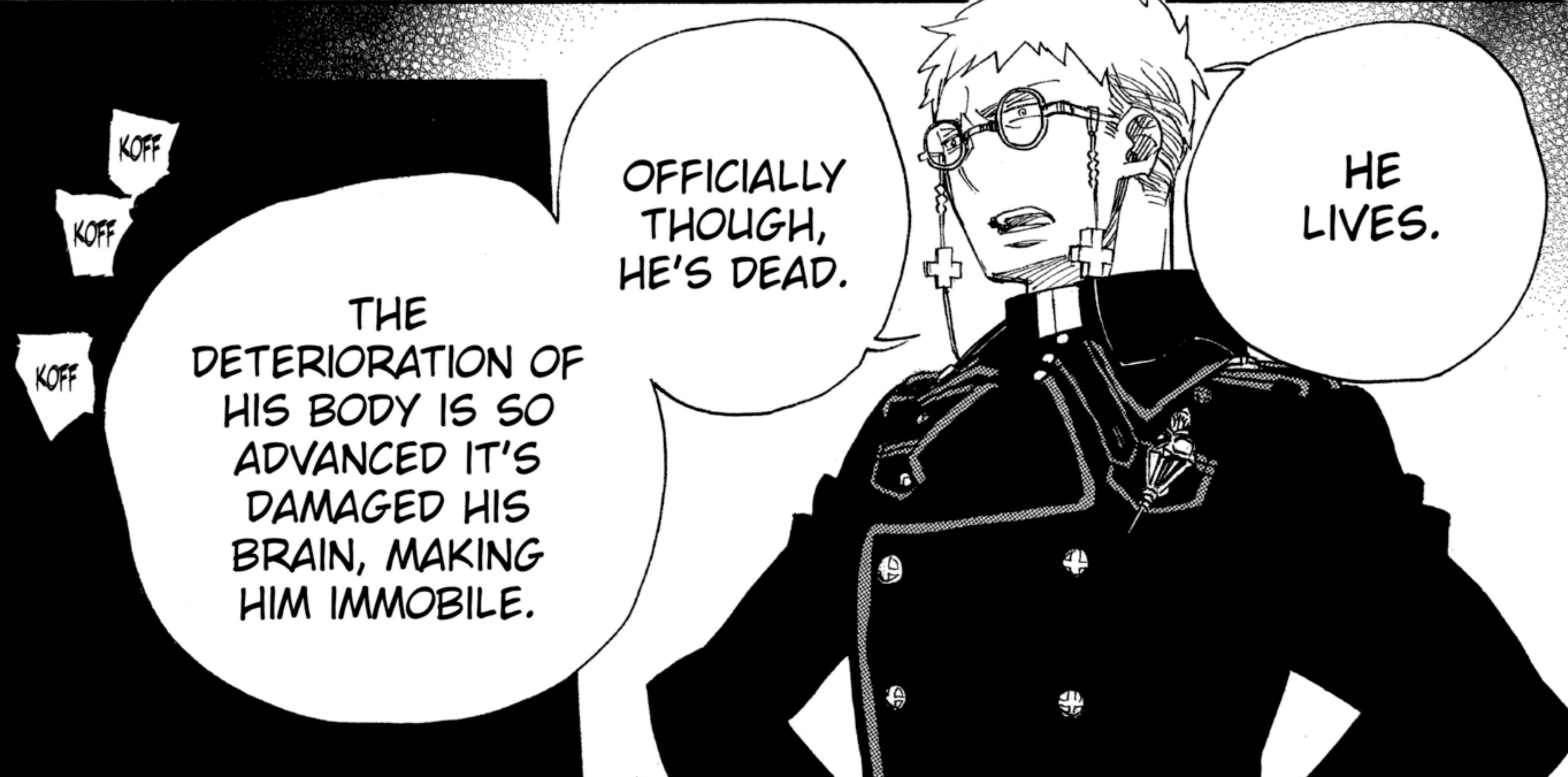
YURI...

...HOW
DO YOU
FEEL?



HOW IS...
SATAN?

...



OFFICIALLY
THOUGH,
HE'S DEAD.

HE
LIVES.

THE
DETERIORATION OF
HIS BODY IS SO
ADVANCED IT'S
DAMAGED HIS
BRAIN, MAKING
HIM IMMOBILE.

KOFF

KOFF

KOFF



FOR NO SUBJECT...

...COULD BE AS PERFECT AS THIS ONE.



WHERE ...

...IS...

YU...

...RI!!



NO, ONLY PARTIALLY AWAKE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

PROCEED WITH THE EXPERIMENT.



YU...

...RI...

!

IS HE CONSCIOUS ?!



SATAN...



...ARE PUTTING ALL THE BLAME FOR THIS INCIDENT ON YOU.



FORGET HIM. THE KNIGHTS OF THE TRUE CROSS...



WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
MY CHILD?



ONCE YOU GIVE BIRTH
AND CUT THE
UMBILICAL CORD, THE
CRADLE BARRIER WILL
DISAPPEAR AND
THEY'LL DO AN
EXORCISM!

WORRY
ABOUT
YOURSELF!!



YOU...

***IT'S
SATAN'S
CHILD!***

...WEREN'T
PLANNING ON
KEEPING IT
WERE YOU?!





BUT
HAVE YOU
HEARD OF
THE *KOMA*
SWORD?

IT'S EMPTY AT THE
MOMENT BUT HAS
HELD MANY FLAME
DEMONS IN THE
PAST, SO IT HAS
GREAT AFFINITY
FOR FLAME.

IT'S A DEMON
SWORD AND THE
PRINCIPAL
OBJECT OF
WORSHIP AT
MYO-O DHARANI
TEMPLE.

IT'S ALSO
KNOWN AS
KURIKARA.

AND PUT ME
ON THAT
RIDICULOUS
OPERATION!!

HOW WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO—

*I'LL
GO.*



I'M SURE
YOU KNOW
SOMETHING!!

AND
YURI...

JENNY
DISAPPEARED
WITHOUT A
WORD!

BUT
THAT CAN'T
BE!

PEOPLE ARE
SAYING
YURI'S A
WITCH!

SHIRO!!



WHAT THE...?
WHAT'S THE
ORDER
HIDING?!



WE'LL GO
WITH YOU!!

FATHER
FUJIMOTO!

DON'T. THE
TEAM'S
DISBANDED.

BUT...



DON'T
LEAVE
ME!



SHIRO...

...WAIT!!



...TO KILL
THAT KID.



I'LL USE
THIS...



THE RIGHT
EYE HAS
GROWN
STRONG IN
IMPURITY...

...AND APRIL
IS ENDING, YET
SNOW STILL
FALLS.

NO, YOU
WON'T
DO IT.

NOT
LONG
AGO...

...AN
ITINERANT
MONK WHO
VISITED THIS
TEMPLE...

...SAID
SOMETHING
DISTURBING WAS
HAPPENING IN
THE EASTERN
BRANCH OF THE
KNIGHTS OF THE
TRUE CROSS.

I CAN
TELL.



YOU
OVER-
ESTIMATE
ME!

HMPH!

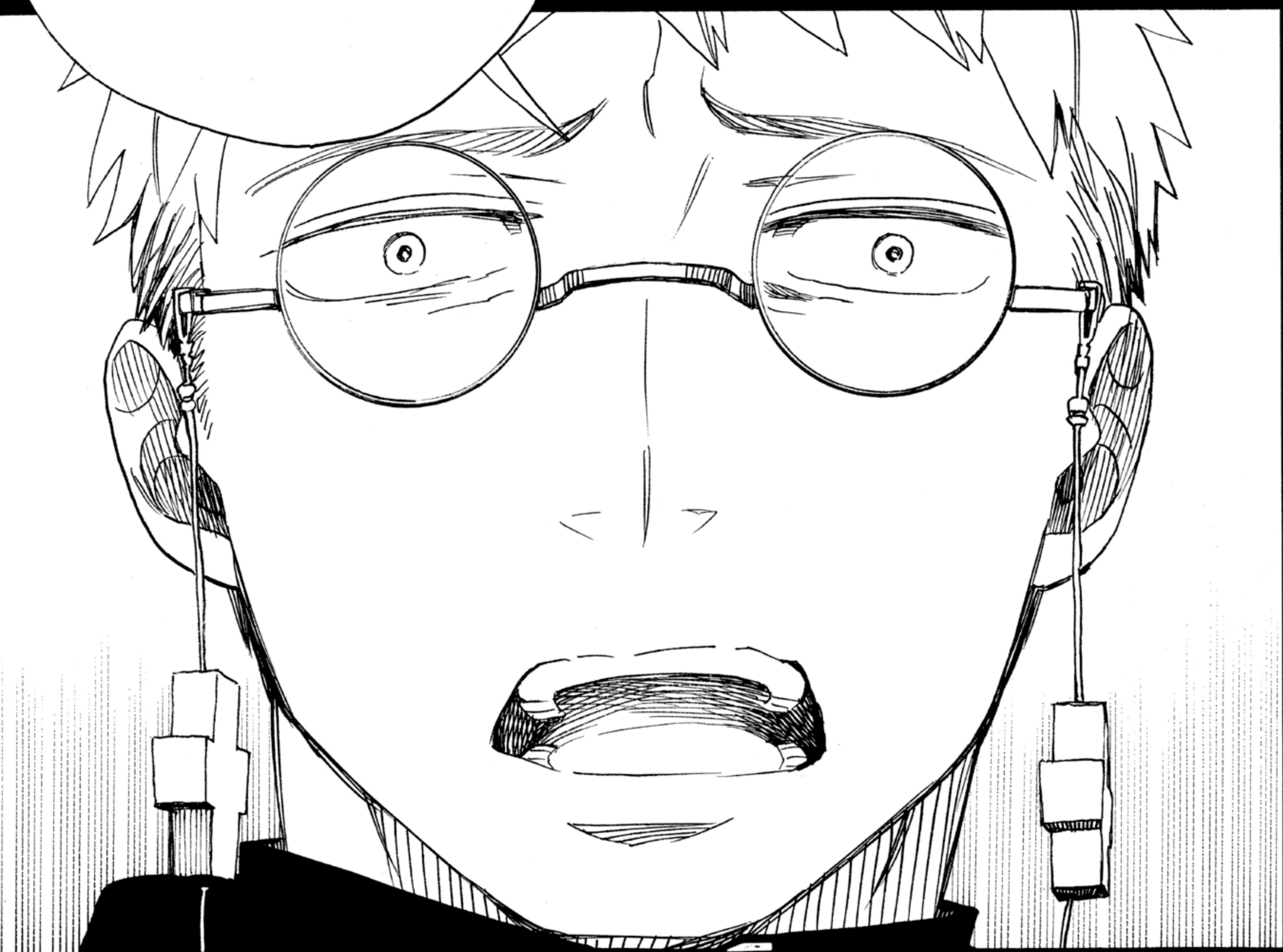
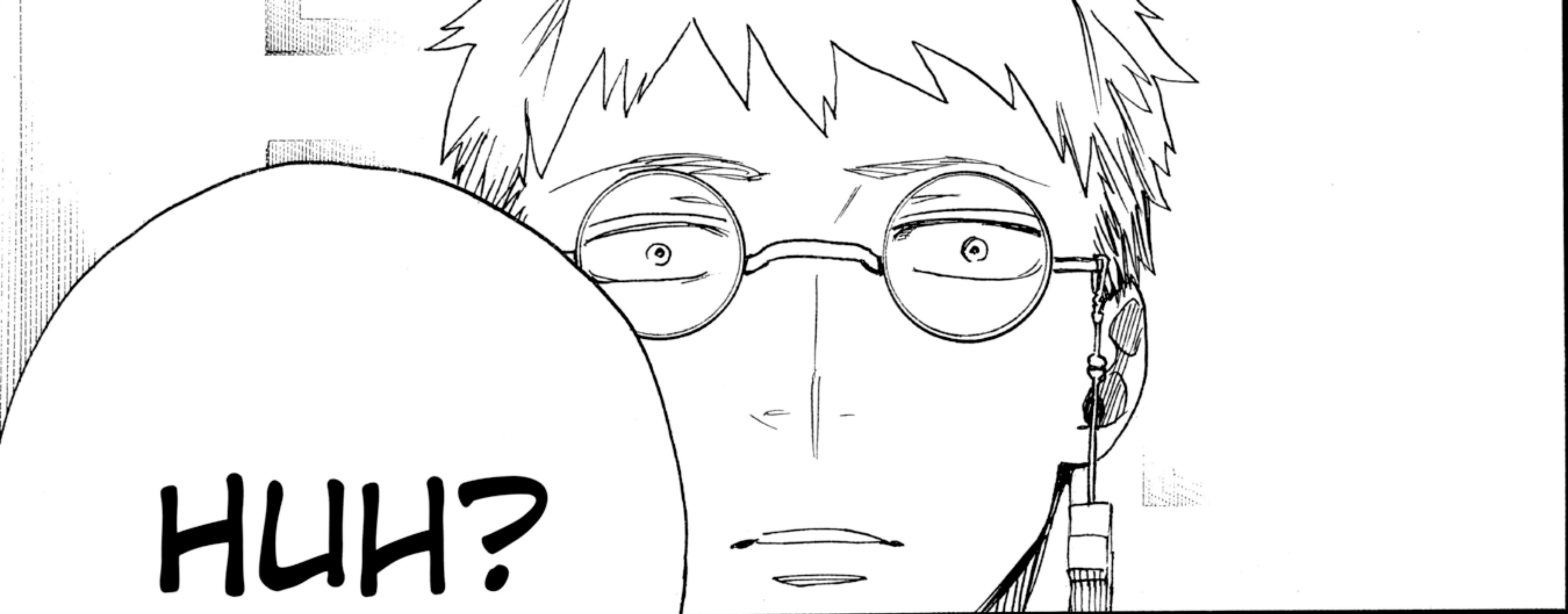
TO **SAVE**
SOMETHING.

AND THAT'S
WHY YOU'RE
HERE, ISN'T
IT?

SOMEONE'S
COMING!

!!





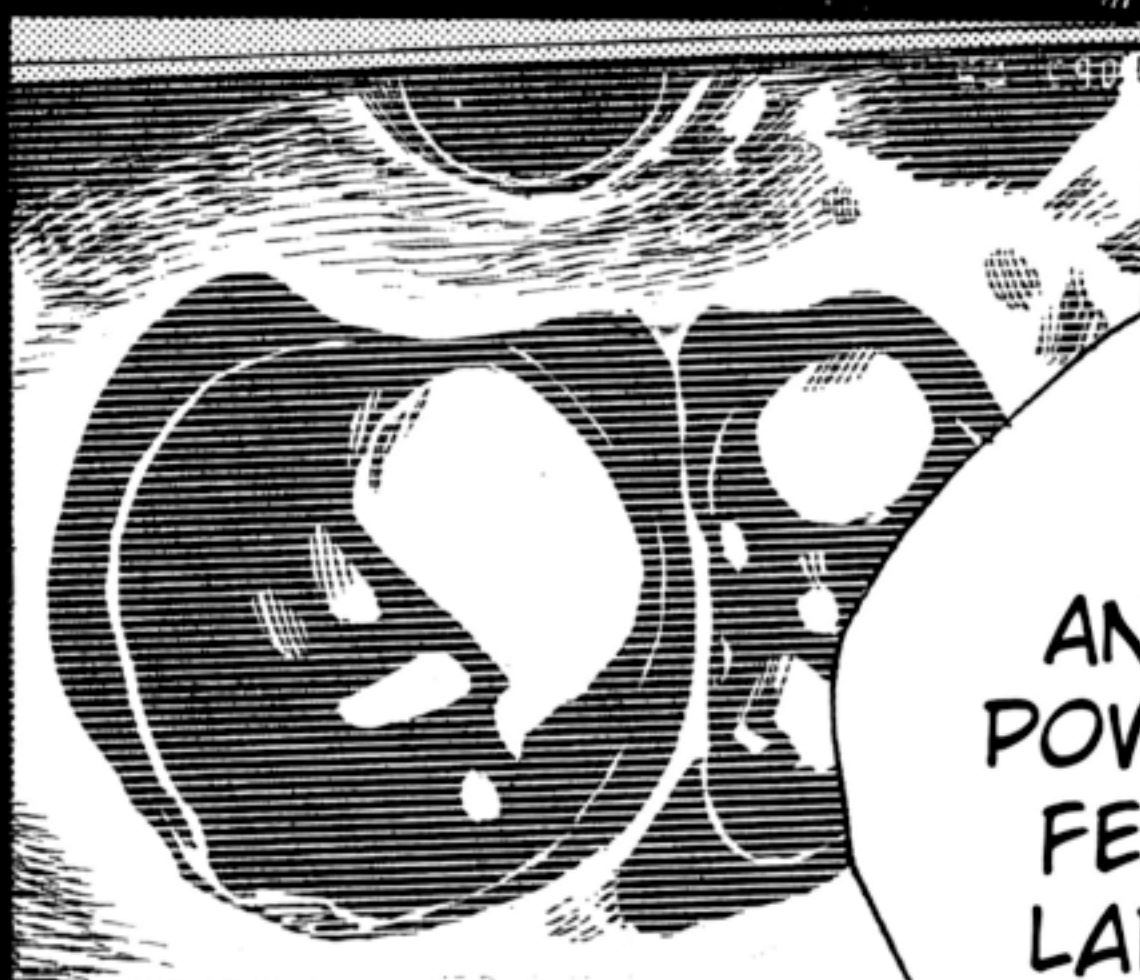


**I'M
ON A
MISSION**

...

**...TO
KILL!!**

**SHE'S
CARRYING
TWINS.**



MURMUR

MURMUR

**WHAT
?!**

**AN INVISIBLE
POWER MAY BE
FEEDING THE
LARGER ONE.**

**THEY'RE
MONOAMNIOTIC
BUT IN A
STATE OF
HYPOPLASIA.**

**WHY
DIDN'T WE
NOTICE
BEFORE?**



THE MOTHER
IS RAPIDLY
WEAKENING.

SHE MAY
NOT SURVIVE
TO GIVE
BIRTH.

NO...

...IT'S ALL
RIGHT.
DON'T
WORRY.

I WILL AT
LEAST
PROTECT
YOU TWO.



OOH.
SCARY!

BUT THE
REAL SHOW
IS JUST
BEGINNING.

HEH
HEH
HEH

YOU'VE DONE AN
ADMIRABLE JOB
WITNESSING THE
PAST WITHOUT
RUNNING AWAY OR
FREAKING OUT.

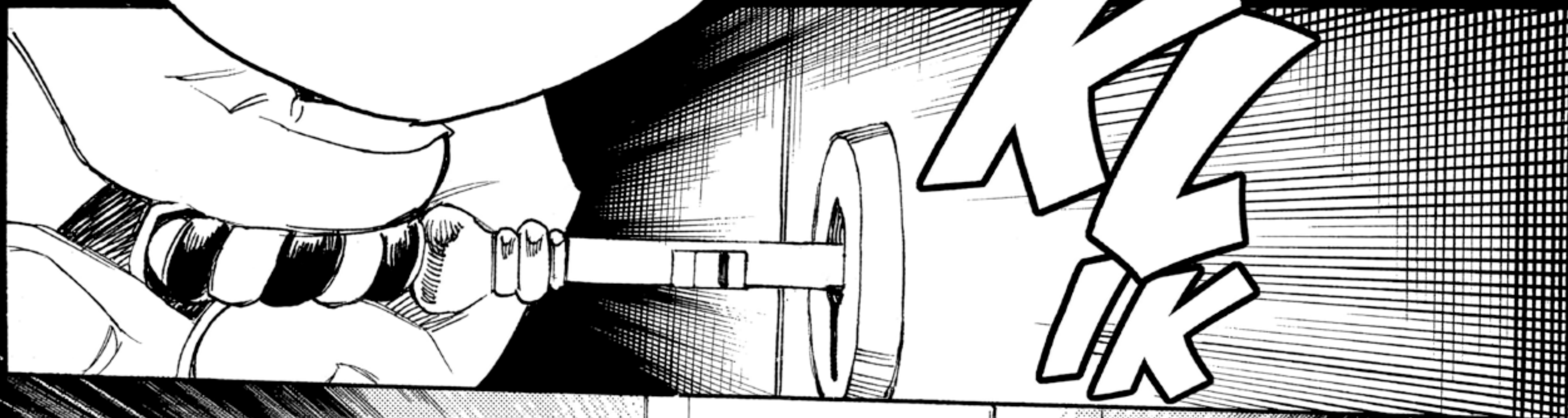
I DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU FEEL,
BUT I'D GUESS
IT'S BEEN HARD
FOR YOU.



ARE YOU
READY?

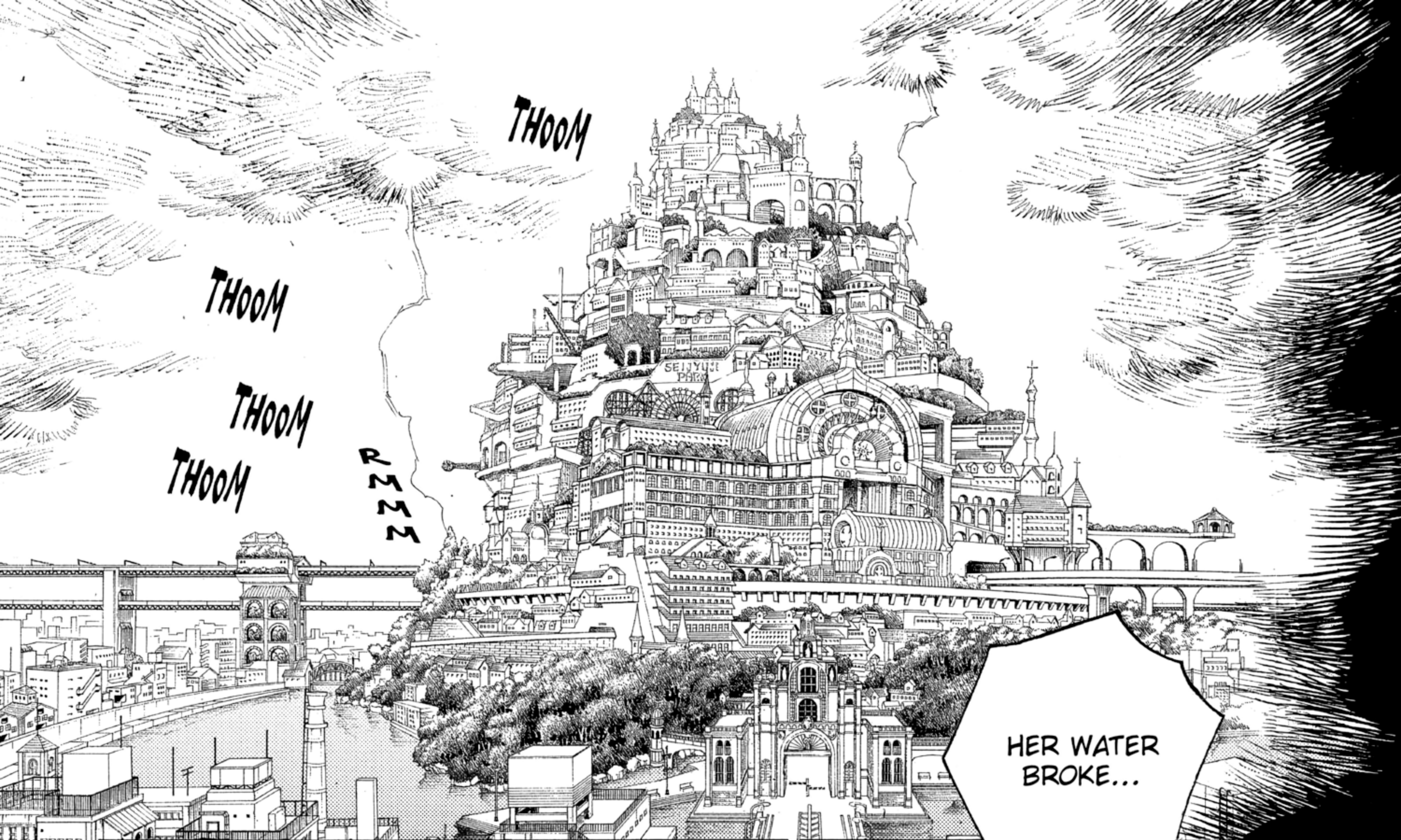


YES!



KIKI

KIKI



THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

333P

HER WATER
BROKE...

I'M
TIRED OF
WAITING!!

THAP

FINALLY! SHE'S
FOUR WEEKS
PAST HER DUE
DATE!

...SO THE
CRADLE
BARRIER IS
EVEN
STRONGER
NOW!

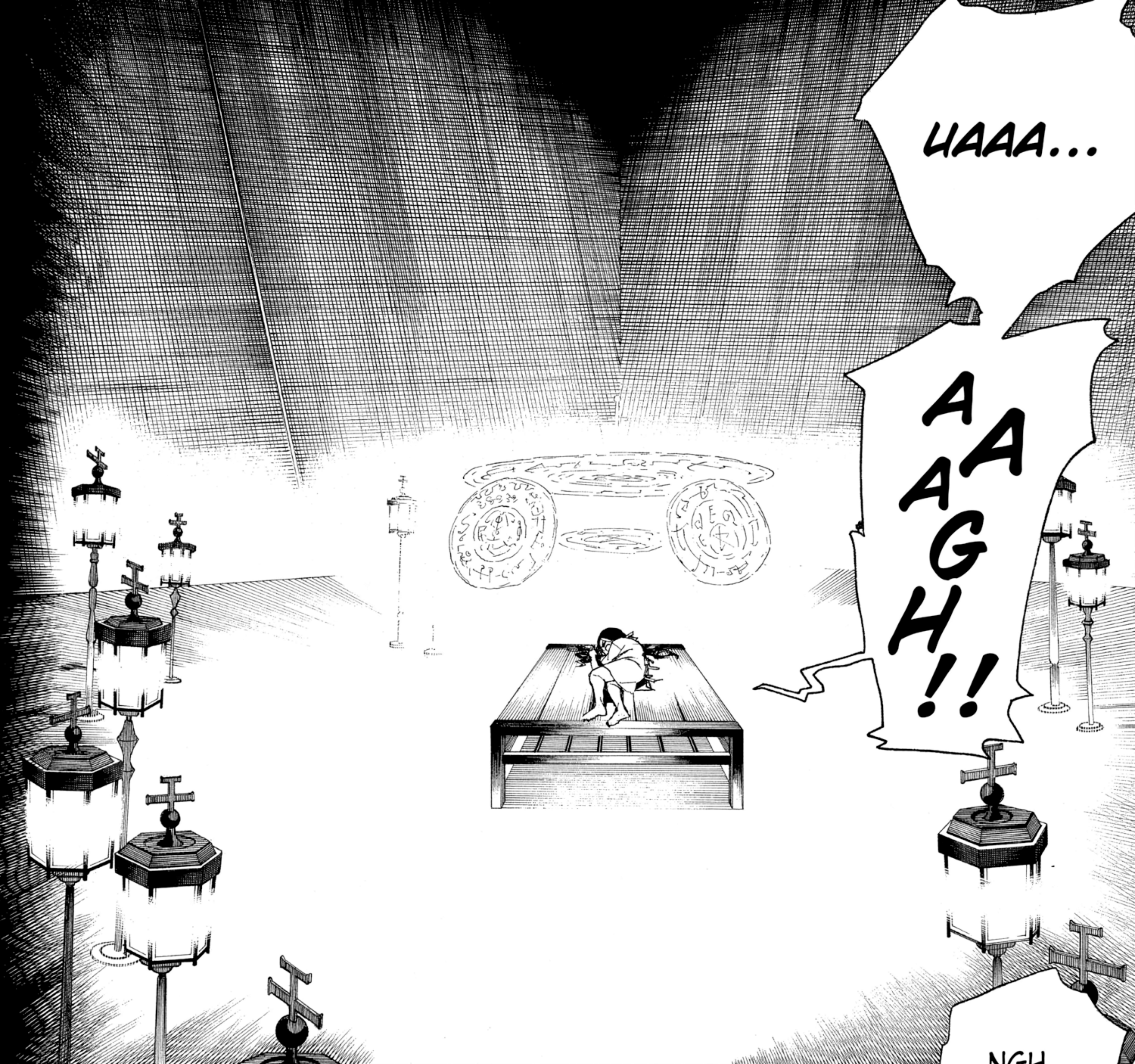
BEWARE
OF CHILD
M!

CHILD M IS
LARGER AND
WILL BREACH
FIRST.

CHILD H IS
ALIVE BUT
UNDERDEVEL-
OPED AND
WEAK.

COMMENCE
OPERATION
BLUE
LIGHTNING!!

ANYTHING
COULD
HAPPEN,
SO BE
PREPARED!

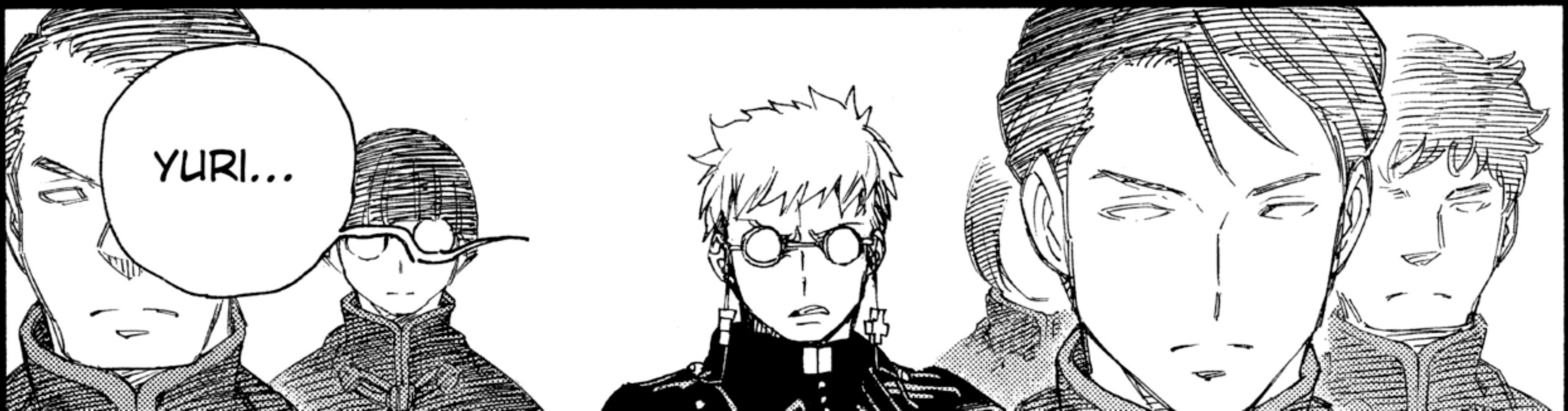


UAAA...

AAGH!!

NGH...

UNGH...



YURI...



I'M GOING
TO SAVE
YOU!



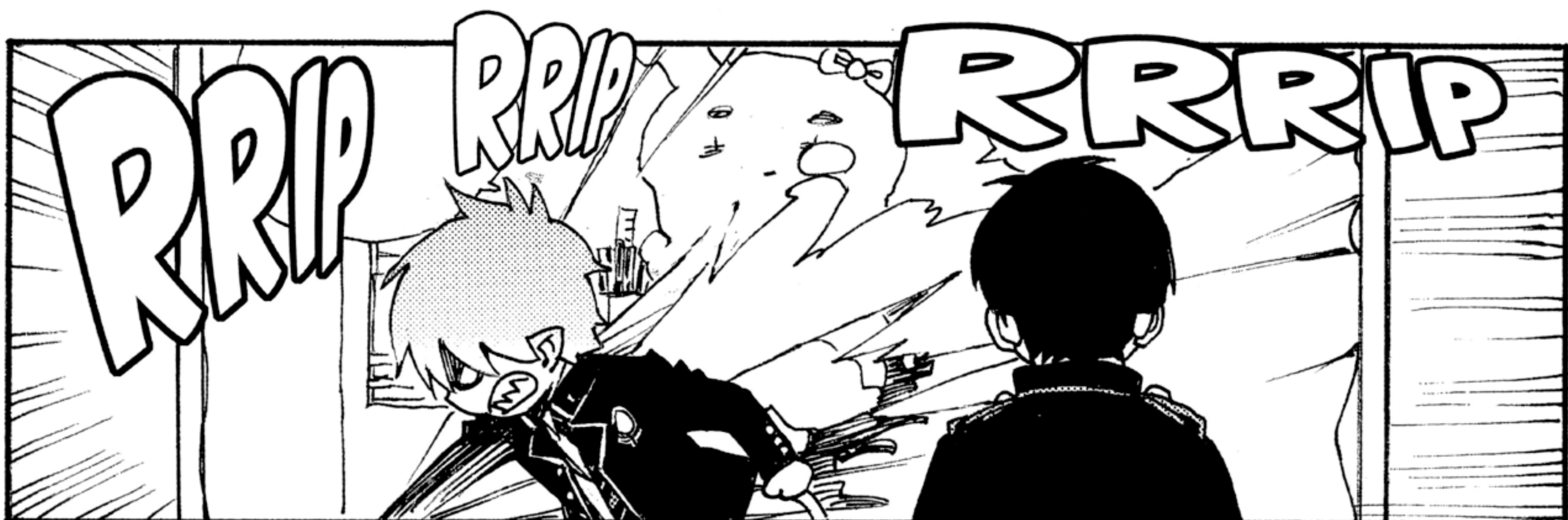
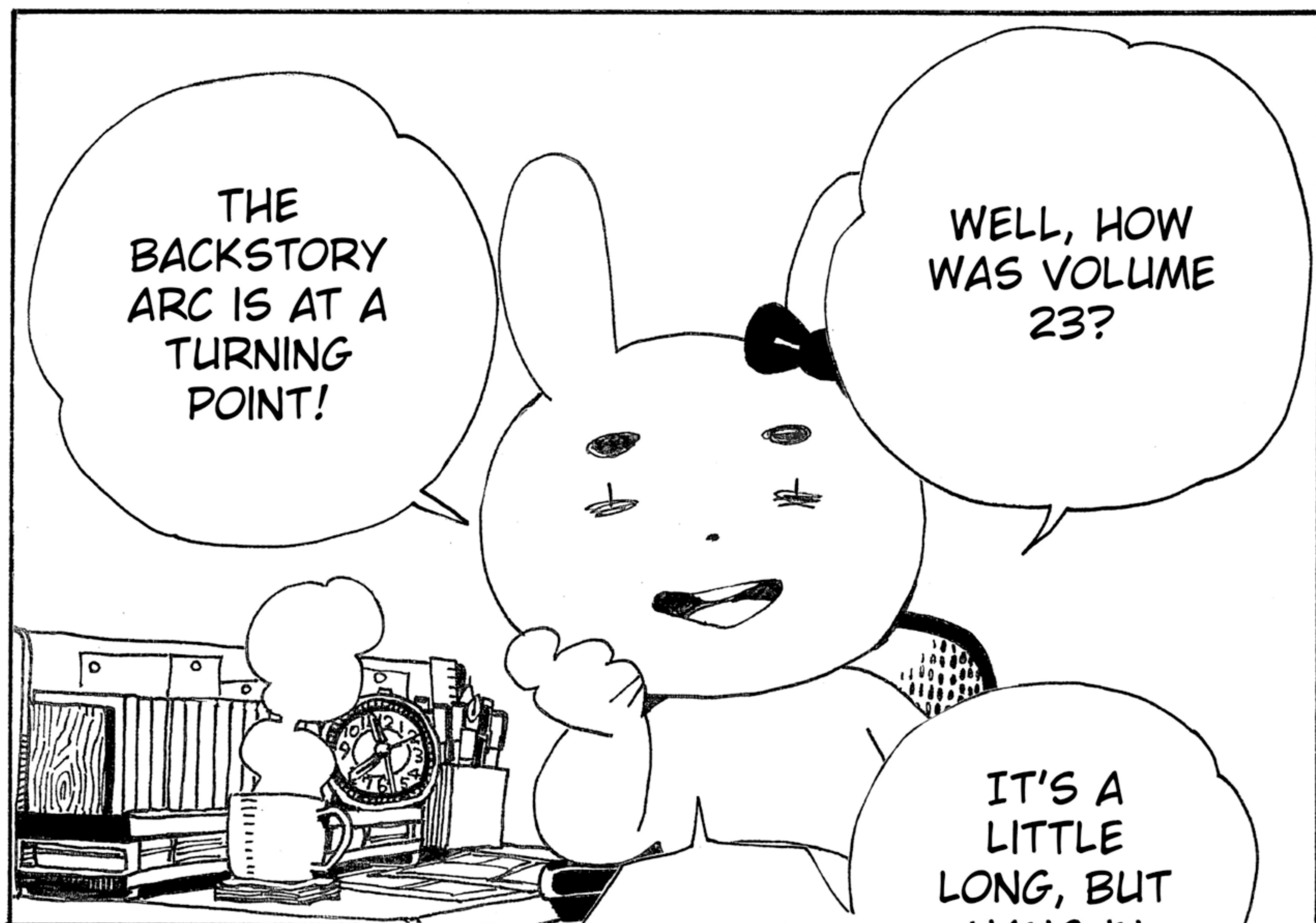
B
O
N
U
S

Can I
help you?

Hm?



BLUE EXORCIST BONUS



BAAAM

I
KNEW
IT!!

*Ink

THERE'S
NO
OTHER
CHOICE!

RIGHT
?

FINE!
WE'LL
RUN ADS!

?! ?!
????

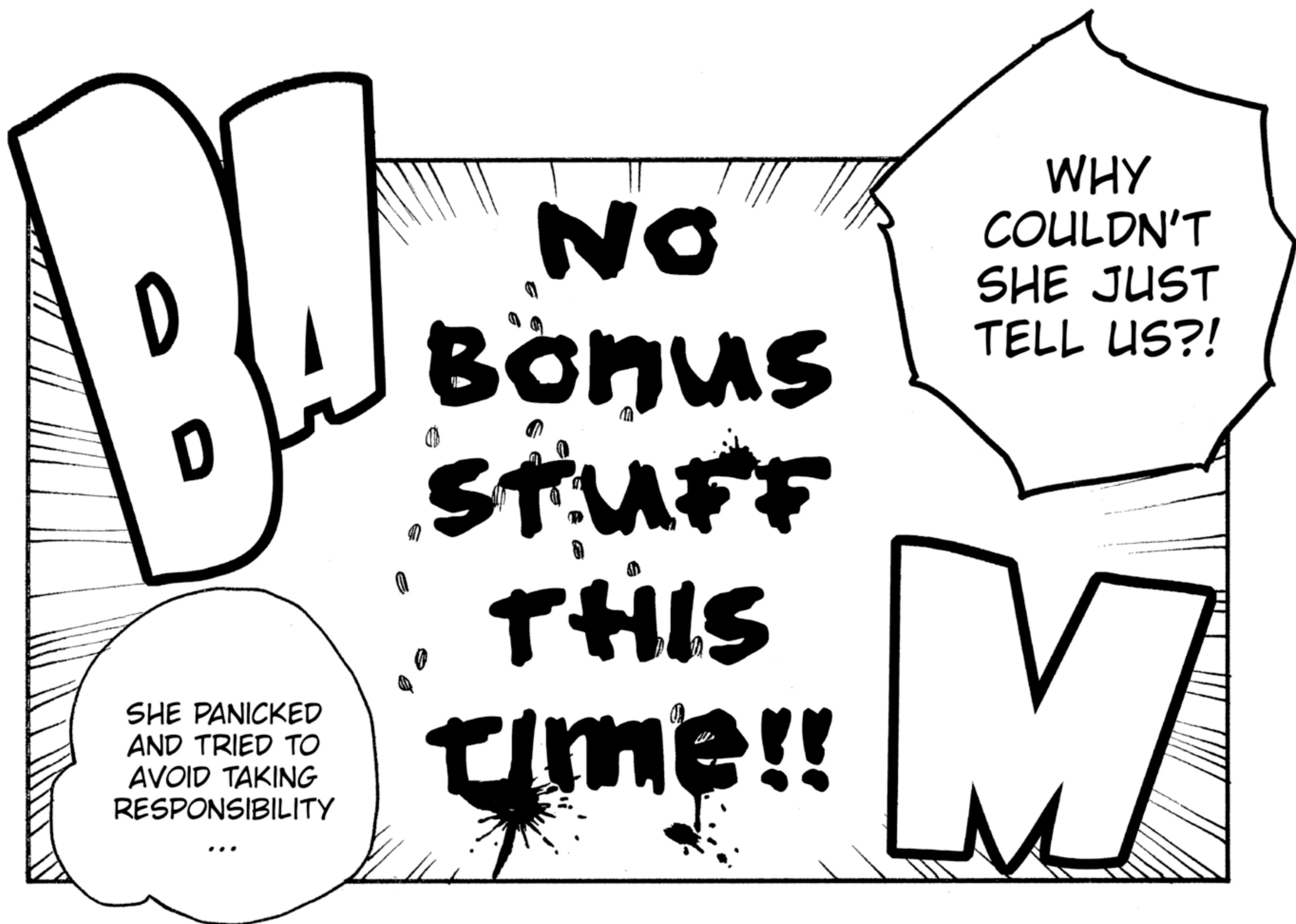
!!

WAIT,
RIN.

SHE
LEFT A
DYING
MESSAGE!

DON'T
YOU GET
IT?

LOOK AT
HER LEFT
HAND.



BLUE EXORCIST

BLUE EXORCIST

LEMME READ IT!

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Art Staff



I'M A SLAVE
TO DRAWING!

Erika Uemura



KYOTO BAMBOO
SHOOTS ARE
DELICIOUS!

Ryoji Hayashi



WHAT IS
THIS?

Mari Oda



THERE'S A
HOLE IN IT!

Aki Shiina

Art Assistants



NOOOOO!

Yamanaka-san



THE MONEY GOT
TRANSFERRED
WRONG!

Obata-san



NO! THAT'S
NOT...!!

Yoshiyama-kun



THAT COMPANY
EXPLOITED ME!

Ito-kun



IS THAT
ALL RIGHT?

Seo-san

Composition Assistant



I FORGOT
VOLUME 22!

Minoru Sasaki

Editors



I LOOK LIKE
A FAMOUS
COMEDIAN.

Tadahiro Fukushima

Graphic Novel Editor



I WAS
PROOFREADING
ON 3/31.

Ryusuke Kuroki

Graphic Novel Design



WE STILL
CAN'T GO
TO A
BAR...



Shimada Hideaki

Daiju Asami (L.S.D.)

Manga



EVERY YEAR IS
SO BUSY!!
GYAAH!

Kazue Kato

(in no particular order)

(Note: The caricatures and statements are from memory!)

Thank you for reading *Blue Exorcist* for ten years!!
There's more to come!



It don't
matter
to me.



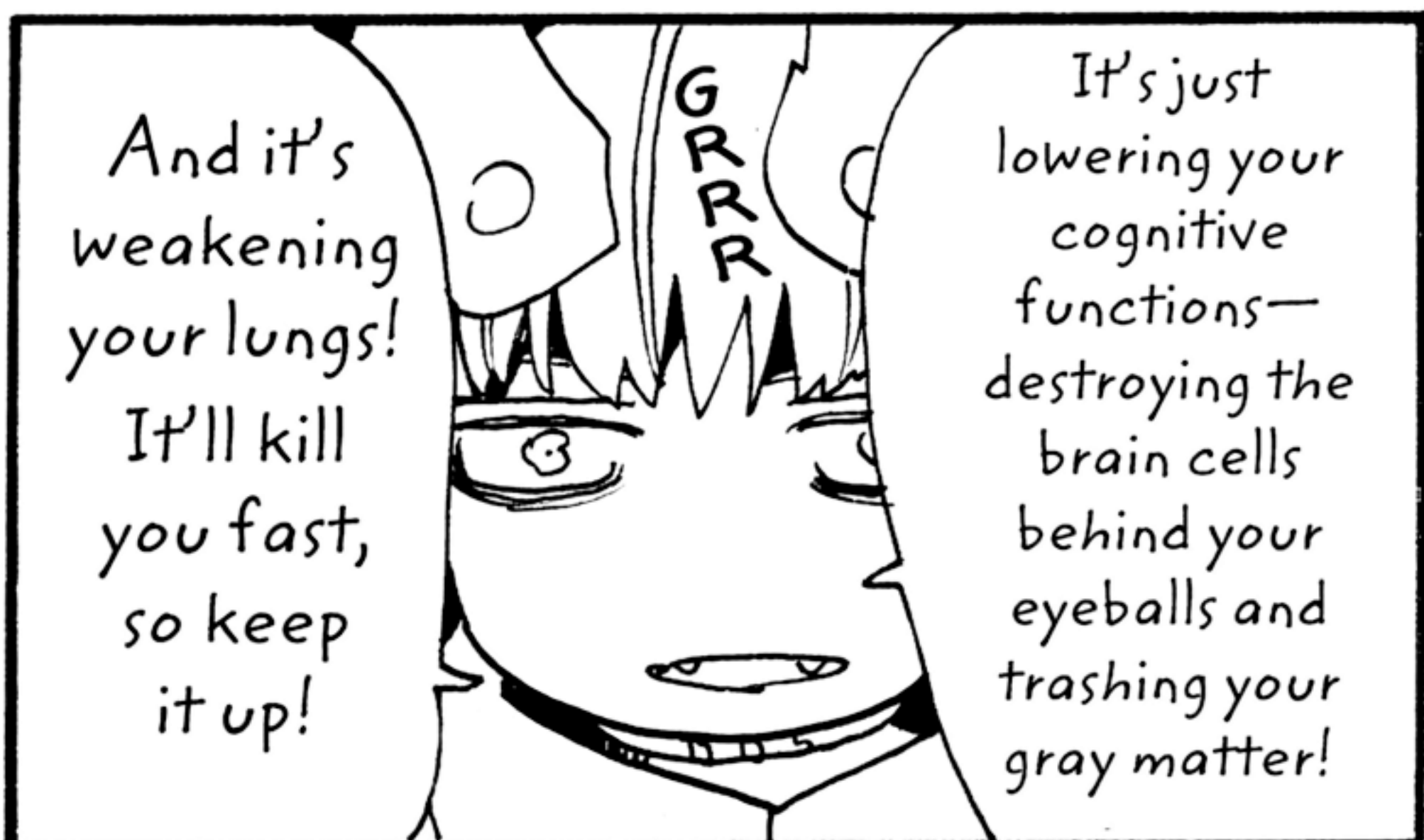
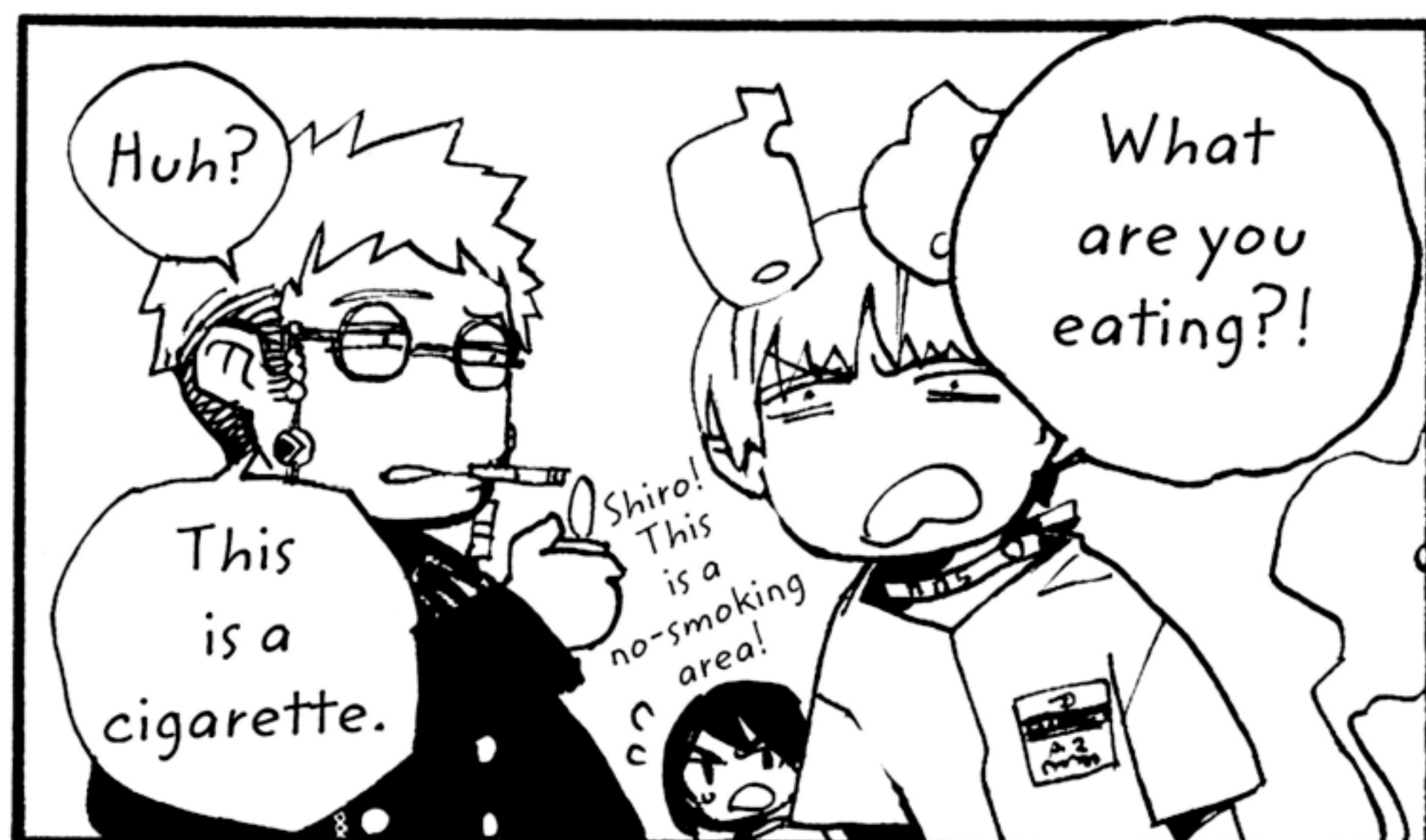
Okay,
okay!



Really!
The lack of time
is making me
skimp in places
like this!



Ashamed of Smoking



Scary stories
are interesting...
and deep!

Hmm...



KAZUE KATO

THE ARC SET IN THE PAST GOT LONG—AND IT'S STILL GOING!

THE MONTH THIS VOLUME COMES OUT (IN JAPAN)
MARKS TEN YEARS OF BLUE EXORCIST!!

BLESSED WITH SUPPORT FROM READERS
AND MANY OTHERS, THE SERIES HAS
LASTED A WHOLE DECADE!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

THE END IS STILL FAR AWAY,
SO I HOPE YOU'LL KEEP READING!!

ENJOY THE MANGA!

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